

THEY ONLY MET ONCE, BUT IT  
CHANGED THEIR LIVES FOREVER.



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To whom it may concern:

We accept the fact that we had to sacrifice a "normal" high school experience for whatever art we wanted to pursue. And what we wanted to pursue was different. But we think you're crazy to try and make us define who we are at this age. How can we? You see us as you want to see us anyways... in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions...



But what we found out is that each one of us  
is an academic, and an actor,  
and a dancer, a musician,  
a visual artist,

And an artist.

Does that answer your question?

Sincerely Yours,

The Pickles

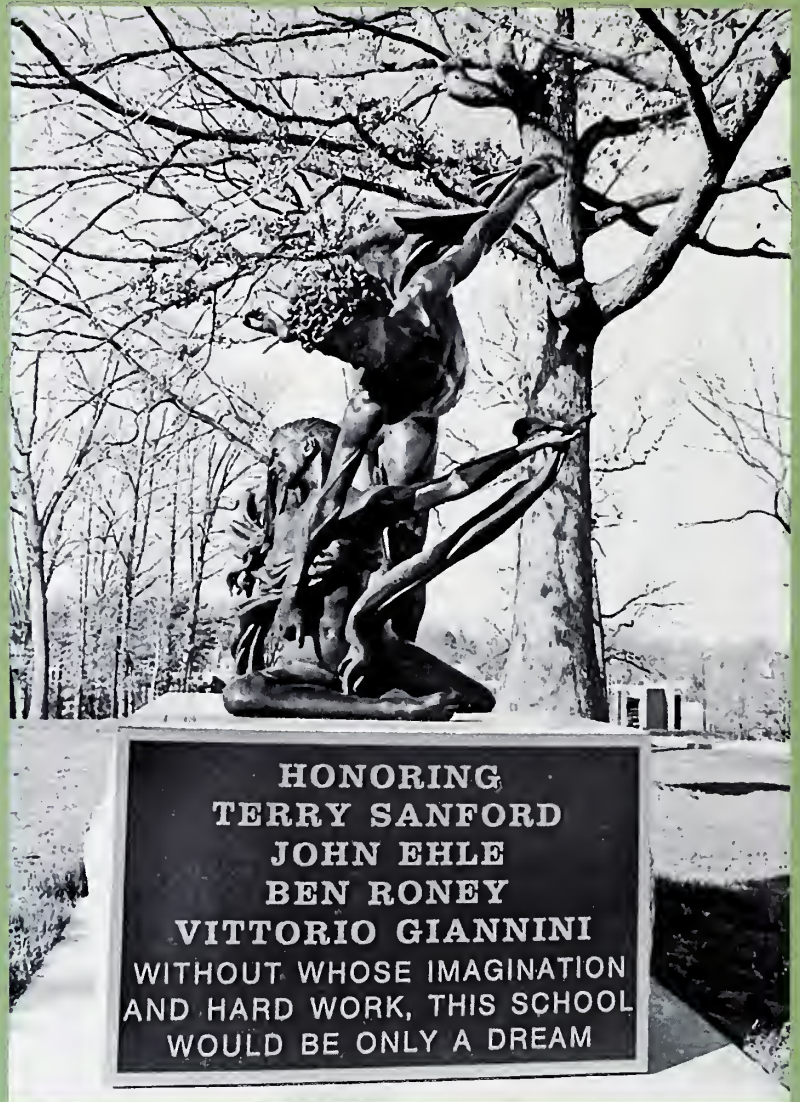


**If I were to write a guidebook for new governors, one of my main suggestions would be that he find a novelist and put him on his staff.**

**Terry Sanford, Governor of North Carolina (1961-1965)**



John Ehle



Performance Place Sculpture



John Ehle and wife, Rosemary Harris  
Honorary Doctorate Reception  
April 25, 1980

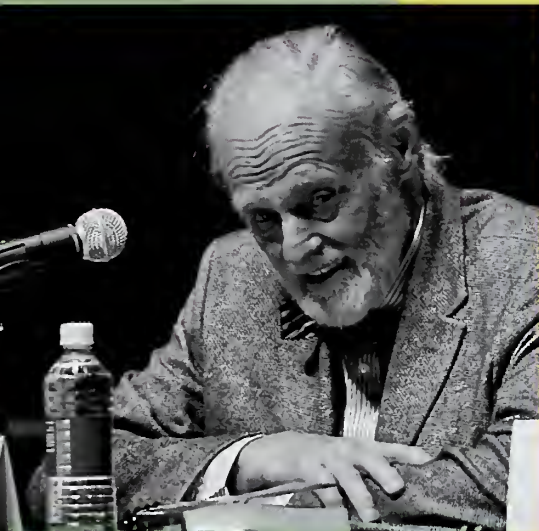
**John has been a father of so many creative things in this state, that it's hard to tell what kind of a state it would have been, if he hadn't been hanging around over at Chapel Hill.**

**Terry Sanford**



No one figures more prominently in the early history of the North Carolina School of the Arts than John Ehle. As Special Assistant to Governor Terry Sanford, Mr. Ehle skillfully navigated the North Carolina legislature to found the school. Mr. Ehle understood how important it was for the state's new conservatory to have its own campus rather than being located on the campus of an existing constituent of the University of North Carolina system.

The political landscape of North Carolina in the early 1960s makes it even more amazing that a progressive governor and a visionary writer could found four significant educational institutions: the Governor's School, The North Carolina School of Science and Math, the North Carolina Advancement School, and the North Carolina School of the Arts. Mr. Ehle also had a hand in establishing the North Carolina Film Board and the North Carolina Institute of Outdoor Drama.



John Ehle at the Founder's Forum  
Watson Hall  
April 22, 2006

A native North Carolinian and gifted writer, John Ehle has won acclaim for his historical novels about Appalachia and for his nonfiction book *Trail of Tears: The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation*. Mr. Ehle has been awarded the North Carolina Award for Literature, the Thomas Wolfe Prize, the Lillian Smith Award for Southern Fiction, the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction, the Mayflower Award, the Governor's Award for Meritorious Service, and the John Tyler Caldwell Award for the Humanities. He has received honorary doctorates from UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Asheville, Berea College (Kentucky), and the North Carolina School of the Arts.

John Ehle and his wife Rosemary Harris, live in Winston-Salem. They also have residences in Penland, N.C., and in New York City. Mr. Ehle and Mrs. Harris have a daughter, Jennifer Ehle. Mr. Ehle's wife and daughter are both actresses, and he has remarked that he is Aunt May's (*Spider-Man*) husband and Lady Macbeth's father. (*Winston-Salem Journal*, August 27, 2006)

Mr. Ehle's accomplishments are outstanding, but we believe our school is his greatest achievement. We dedicate the 2007 yearbook to John Ehle. We honor the tenacity and vision he brought to founding a school where high school students of extraordinary talent can train for professional careers in the arts.



# "To Whom it May Concern"

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Whether it was good, it was worth it. I struggle and you have new ends and you've been changed. Thanks to

Margaret Sumner

To whom it may concern -

**& Staff 70-79** *being my home for the past  
two years, it's where I've grown up and  
I'm going to school, my  
Aunt and to our land and  
you further with the point.*

**de 80-81** *you think you may never come but this  
that I look back every moment  
the most with it. Every small moment  
has been spent in the place and  
the night talking w/ friend, and  
the morning, the day - every day  
and the land, but leaving the memories behind  
in my head.*

**men 82-83**

**ores 84-87**

**s 88-93**

**s 94-132** *✓ Jackie O*

To whom it may  
The important people  
make me who I am.  
and family encourage  
myself and freely  
personality. And  
feel like I can  
and not be

the best and we have been  
strong physically, emotionally and  
like family to me now and I will  
miss them dearly after this year!  
I love you all!

I love you guys!

**Dedication 2-3**

♥ Kelly Bolin

It may concern,

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Atheist  
Vegetarian  
Socialist  
have more fun!

♥ Lindsay

**8th Grade 80-81**

**Freshmen 82-83**

**Sophmores 84-87**

**Juniors 88-93**

**Seniors 94-132**

To whom it may concern,

Ever since I was a little girl, I  
as always singing and dancing at school, to  
sing and making music. Now, I am able to  
the most artistic and supportive  
I have ever met. No matter  
different we are, we always  
way to stick together.

Sincerely,  
E.S.

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side. I am just going to take it as  
precious. Life is amazing and  
too much. Let's not complicate it

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To whom

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To whom it may concern,  
I don't care piano, but I love  
NCSA. I love the people,  
the environment and  
the experience. It's lovely.  
- David Howard

To Whom it may Concern:  
Value your friends. At the end of  
the line, they are your longest lasting  
memories, your confidants, & your ever  
constant supporters. Love them, remember  
them & hope that they become as  
much a part of you as mine have  
become of me.

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# NCSA 2006-2007

through all of the extreme ups & downs  
while being at NCSA, it has still been  
one of the most memorable times  
of my life. I have made, probably,  
the most cherished friends & memories  
here. I know that everything I  
have learned through the past year  
will carry me through the rest  
of my life.



# Events



To whom it may concern,

NCSA has been my home away from home for many years and my amazing friends have become like family to me. They have been there through thick and thin and I will love them forever. School events give us that extra special time to spend together and grow closer. I love you guys so much! Kelly Bolick









# Move-In Day



The Peer Leaders are up early to prepare for the new students!



Sarah Ingel and Brian Fidali check students in and distribute keys.



Anna Schmoker, Kaitlyn Hayes, Allison Block, Amy Falls, and Hannah Darrah chill in between foundation meetings.

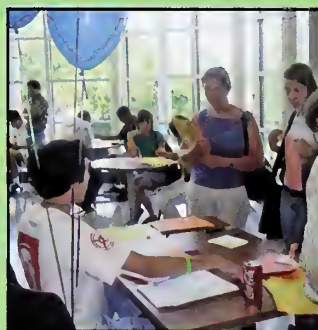


Joanna Michelic works hard to make sure check-in goes smoothly.

The residence halls at the North Carolina School of the Arts were complete chaos: suitcases flying, parents flocking, excited students colliding on the stairs. What day was it? Move-In Day, of course! The incoming students were, after a long summer's wait, finally moving into their new home-away-from-home. This day was a special day at NCSA: a day of new beginnings, new friends, and new art!



Spencer Badesch helps Rachel Elliot move into her new room.





# Senior Quote Party



"Everybody clap your hands" to the Cha Cha Slide.

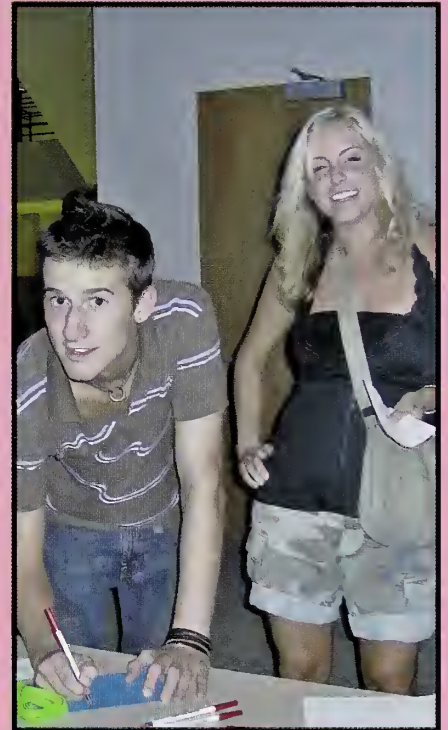


Sarah Watson and BJ Morgan break it down!

Some quoted movies while others noted songs, some gave their shout-outs and some just came for the free food! What's the occasion? NCSA's Senior Quote Party where your personal statement or manifesto was your ticket to a fun-filled night of dancing and friends. The seniors danced and partied the night away...well, at least until curfew!



Paulina Bracone looks cute and adorable for the Senior Quote Party.



Caleb Lohneiss and Amber Adams take a break from the dance.



David Saunders and Grace Reeves are slow dancin' seniors!





# Chocolate Festival



The grand entrance to the Chocolate Festival!



Ashley Hathaway makes a stop at the oh so popular chocolate fountain.



Eisenburg was a happening sweet place during the Chocolate Festival!



Kerstin Stayton and Kaitlin Frankenfield dip away.

Pound cake, cheesecake, brownies, fudge, ice cream, and endless other delicious sweets filled Eisenburg Social Hall for the Chocolate Festival on Wednesday, October 27. All proceeds were donated to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, NC Triad Affiliate. Students paced into Eisenburg during their hectic Arts Wednesday schedules to satisfy their sweet tooth. The chocolate fountain was the big hit of the day! Students, faculty, and guests bid on items in a silent auction and won raffled gift certificates to area restaurants like Macaroni Grill and Texas Roadhouse. The featured raffle prize was the new Verizon Chocolate Cell Phone, donated by Verizon for the special event. On every face there was a chocolate smile!





# Fall Fun Fest



Ali Block and Amy Falls admire their art work of candy at Fall Fun Fest.



Caroline Beck, Vanessa Chumbley, Lindsay Newton, Sidney Vigotov, and Ryan Layton all wait in excitement to watch Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest.

The weekend of Fall Fun Fest was full of laughter and entertainment. Comedian Adam Ace dropped by on Friday night, telling jokes and bringing down the house. On Saturday, we played on inflatable jungle gyms and listened to live music by Jack's House Band. Johnny Depp dropped by on Sunday for a showing of Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. It was an excellent ending to an amazing weekend!



Julia Eisen has tons of fun in the dorms during Fall Fun Fest.

Several Visual Artists show off their artistic skills on their art candy tubes.



Hillary Franklin and Cleo Ledet wait patiently to go see Pirates of the Caribbean in Eisenburg.





# Halloween in the Halls



B2 at the BARre, included those well known bar drinks such as Bloody Mary, Margarita, Captain Morgan, and Grey Goose.



Brian Fidali, Michael Mount, Rachel Boone, Abigail Howard, and Katherine Murray dressed in their best Hogwarts attire for the day.



Adam Chavis, Rachael Elliot, and Jessica Cipriano were the Three Blind Mice.

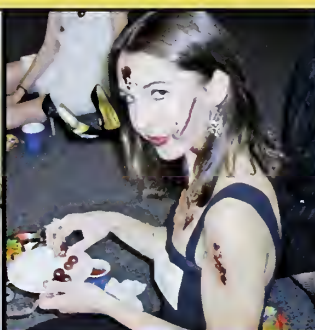


Sarah Watson and Caroline Beck pose as a Shirley Temple and Modest Mouse.

NCSA students go all out for Halloween, wearing their costumes all day through academics and arts classes. This year we had cocktail beverages, animals, the cast of Harry Potter and numerous other creatures. Halloween in the Halls is an NCSA tradition -- who can resist shedding their everyday clothes in favor of bunny ears or a witch hat?

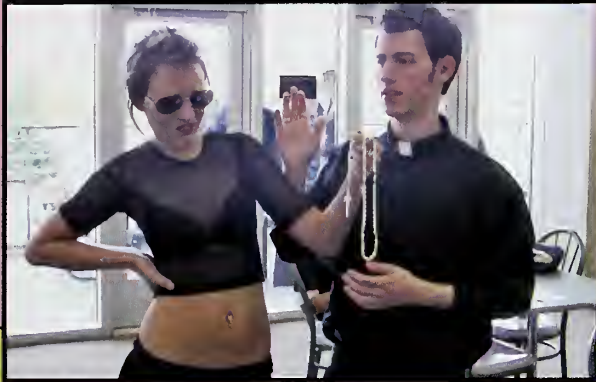


Paulina Bracone, Dave Connor, Eddie Barbash, Owen Broder, Lindsay Newton, and Sydney Vigotov pose in the hall as their diverse characters.





# Monster Mash



Lindsay Yates scowls at Steve Taglia's rosary beads.



Olivia Jordan, Sydney Vigotov, and Caroline Beck get excited in the elevator on their way to the dance.

Under our aliases, we danced the night away at the Monster Mash Halloween dance. Halloween is NCSA's favorite holiday, because it gives us a chance to create our own crazy alter-egos. A wide range of characters attended the dance, from Dr. Seuss creatures to Mickey Mouse to KFC's Colonel Sanders. The costume contest awarded those who achieved the best transformation. Sadly, our life in costume lasted only for an evening, as we shed our costumes and our second selves and returned to the norm the following morning.

Abigail Howard and Grace Reeves look stunning in their flashy dresses.



Sarah Watson and Sydney Vigotov get jiggy with it on the dance floor.

Kate Brock and Katherine Folckomer arrive as Thing 1 and Thing 2.





# Pancake Study Break



Anna Schmoker, Julia Eisen, Spencer Badesch, Brian Gephart, Rachael Elliot, Angela Agresti and Courtney Lopes



Max Kaufman and Cameron Scoggins chow down on pancakes.



Michael Dwinell, Nathanael Absher and Ashley Hathaway wait in line to get some scrumptious pancakes.



Kalie Nattinger, Carlie Herron, Lauren Sherwood, Alex Orenstein, and Sara Seger take a much needed break from studying.



Students could not get enough of the delicious study treat!



Students gather to stuff their faces with pancakes.

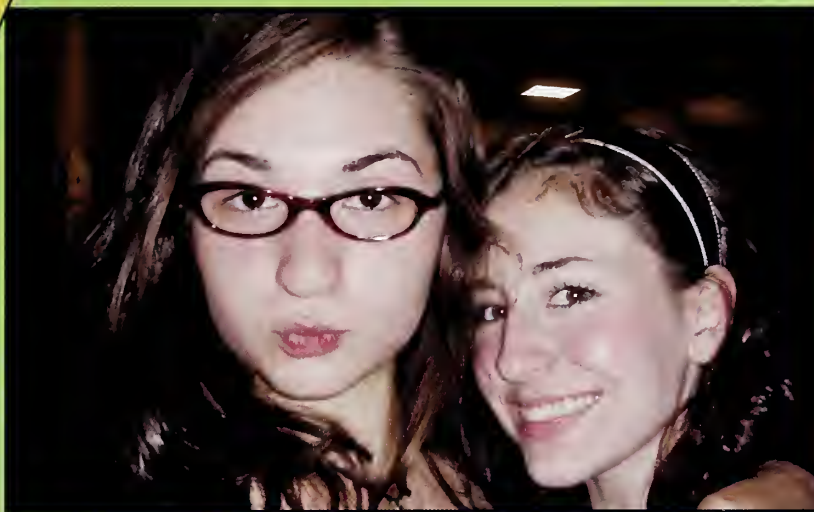




# Late Nights In The Dorms



Sarah Seger, Chelsea Robicheau, Carlie Herron, and Alex Orenstein get cabin fever!



Sarah Hartman and Sydney Vigotov get bossy.

At the stroke of 11 o'clock on Friday and Saturday nights, the Connector Building becomes the social scene for NCSA students. Just an hour later the Connector Building closes and the students return to their rooms, but the night is still young! Students watch movies, have dance parties, chow down on Chinese food, or just hang out. Sometimes even the commuter students join in the late night madness, sleeping in friends' rooms. We wait all week to stay up late...and sleep in the next morning!



Naomi Goodson and Hima Pamarthi chill out in the dorms.



Brittany Butler and Jaclyn Senne bundle up in the Connector!



In the Connector Building, students know how to party like there is no tomorrow!





# Froze Arts



Mallory McVey, Elena Shapiro, Ellie Kuhn, Brian Gephart, Brittany Strickland and Bette Sykes huddle together to keep warm on the ice.



Jessica Barringer, Cody Haymond and Judson Fraley enjoy themselves while ice skating.

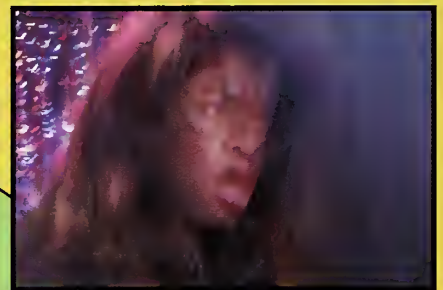


Ryan Layton and Owen Broder on the way to the coliseum for ice skating.



Students cheer for their favorite Queen.

Although it barely snowed this year Froze Arts was a time full of excitement. Froze Arts, a highlight of winter term, was a brief respite from the intense homework, practicing and auditions of this time of year. The weekend was filled with festivities: ice skating at the coliseum, the annual Froze Arts Drag Show and a movie in Eisenberg. After a close competition David Saunders, a contemporary dance student, was crowned Queen of the Froze Arts Drag Show.

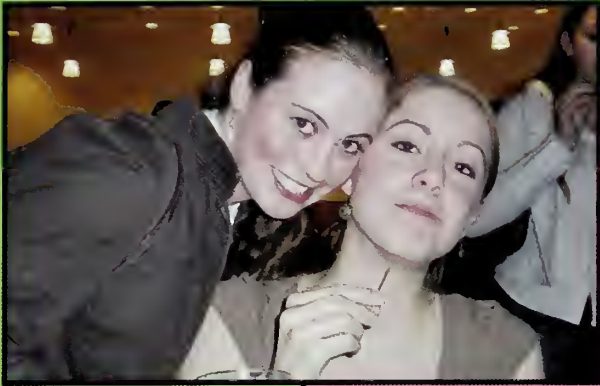


David Saunders at the Drag Show.





# Casino Night



Kaitlyn Moise and Rachel Elliot smile as they realize that their bets are sure to win.



Ashley Hathaway and Anna Schmoker compare hands and decide on their next move.

Adam Chavis has a look of despair, realizing that his hopes of winning have diminished.



If you have ever thought that maybe one day you could become a compulsive gambler, then you might as well start at NCSA's Casino Night. Tonight is the night when Eisenburg Social Hall lights up with the neon colors of Las Vegas. On March 9th, at the end of a long Winter Term, students take a moment to step out of their hectic lives and enter the wild world of Vegas, where anything goes. Tonight students can safely gamble away everything, experiencing the thrill without the consequences, and the best part is that they can't receive a violation. Students enjoy the party and its theme with the drinks, cards, and company of Las Vegas. Although we are in Winson-Salem, the party screams big and loud, "Vegas Baby!"



What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!





# Commuters Elite



Michael Mount, Lindsay Newton, Abigail Howard, Kelsey Dickerson, Haley Dreis, Katherine Mount, Rachel Boone and Nate Gladding bond before heading home for the day.



Claire Kretschmar, Alexandra Orenstein and Emily Wolfe work on homework while waiting for their parental units to pick them up at the end of the day.

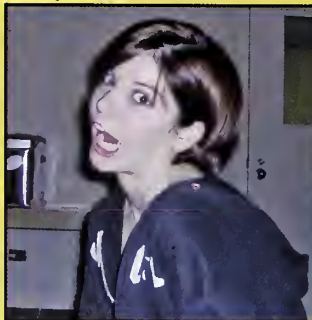
You may have been lucky enough to spot them during the day, but they disappear at the stroke of eleven. Where do these elusive creatures go? They go home. They have their own rooms, real food, and a momma to tuck them in at night...jealous? Who are these lucky fools? They are The Commuters Elite!



Lauren Browning, victim of her own wheels.



MAJOR Driving Hazards: Lindsay Newton, Jaclyn Oakley, Abigail Howard, Brian Waldrep, and Lauren Browning.





# Prom 2006



Ashley Hathaway, Kayla Durham, Brittany Bailey, Margaret Summers, Christina Conlin, Kendall Woods, and Sally Turkel get a beautiful shot before heading out for dinner.



A group of NCSA students group together for a beautiful picture before piling in the limos.

Prom night 2006 was a huge success. The Home and Garden Building at the Coliseum was beautifully decorated as a Japanese Garden. Everyone was dressed to the hilt in gorgeous gowns and snazzy tuxedos; even so, no one hesitated to cut loose on the dance floor surrounded by a balloon gazebo. Excellent choices in food and music were provided for everyone to chow down and dance the night away. After Prom consisted of some chit-chat, and s'mores, courtesy of the Residence Life Staff. Prom was the perfect finishing touch to a year we will always remember.



Lindsay Newton, Kaitlyn Hayes, Abigail Howard and Grace Reeves take a moment to pose for a picture.



Courtney Lopes, Cameron Woody and Olivia Jordan dance the night away.



Kelsey Dickerson enjoys another side of her friend, David Saunders, at Prom.





# Big Sweep



Ellie Kuhn, Kendell Wood, and Sarah Watson rest after 3 hours of cleaning Washington Park.



Jason Fields and Virginia Arnette take a break from picking up trash.



Colin Fullerton and Zoe McDonie do a little dancing while they help clean up the creek.



Sam Owens and Lindsey Matheis help with the trash bags.

On an early Saturday morning, one of the only times students find time to sleep, a group of daring young NCSA students crawled out of their cozy warm beds in order to help the environment. Their expedition took them to Washington Park to remove the trash that had been gathering there over several months. The area that they covered consisted of the park grounds and also around and inside the creek that flowed within the park. After a hard days work improving the world, each student was rewarded with lunch provided by the county.

## Second Floor Sanford Social

Kate Irwin enjoys her ever so yummy slice of pizza.



Tuesday nights in the dorms are always worthy of celebration. They are the mark of mid-week and require no homework or studying due to the next day being our all-time favorite day of the week, Arts Wednesday! One Tuesday night in January, in the midst of late night rehearsals, the residents of 2nd floor Sanford decided to take a little break and socialize. Kate Irwin organized the social by generously ordering pizzas for the entire floor and playing music from her ipod. The residents of the hall topped off the night with fun games such as "Have You Ever" and "Would You Rather."



Katherine Folckomer and Megumi Reagan enjoy a slice at the party.



Katherine Brock, Erin Donnelly, Hope Gaines, and Kaitlyn Moise laugh together.



Second Floor Sanford residents pose for a quick shot.



# Venice Maki Concert



Courtney Lopes and Olivia Jordan enjoy some coffee while they watch the concert.



Judson Fraley takes a moment to introduce Venice Maki in the Connector Building.



High school students pose with Venice Maki for a picture after the concert.



Members of "the Crew" pose with Venice Maki. Left to right: Brittany Butler, Sedrick Gillespie, David Saunders, Venice Maki, Christina Pemberton, Ra-un Campbell.

Venice Maki was brought to the NCSA community by Judson Fraley and the High School "Crew." A graduate from NCSA, Venice has enjoyed a very successful career as a musician. At his concert, the students were brought to tears by his touching lyrics and beautiful voice.



Venice Maki performs with style and amazing talent.

To Whom It May Concern:

- My firm belief in a higher power, close family and cherished friends makes me who I am

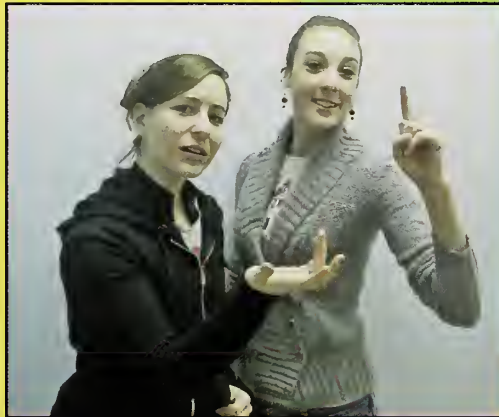
Jennifer Wells





# Hamlet Interpretations

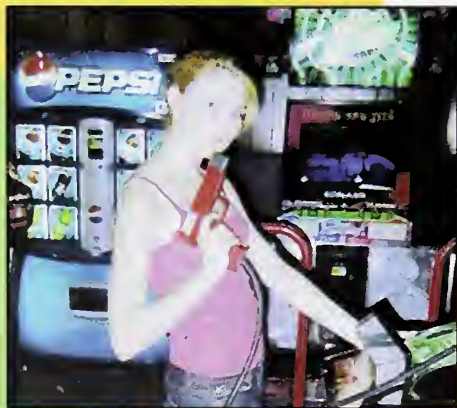
"To be, or not to be?" That was our question when performing our Hamlet interpretations. While studying Shakespeare's "Hamlet", Mrs. Streblow's AP English class performed their own interpretations of a selected soliloquy. There was a variety of performances, from witty and humorous dramatizations to contemporary dances to Snoop Dog impersonated raps. Though it was rather embarrassing, the class learned a lot about interpretations while getting a good laugh.



Jaclyn Oakley and Sydney Vigotov get ready to perform their interpretive dramatization.



Throughout the presentations Mrs. Streblow battled her own laughter.



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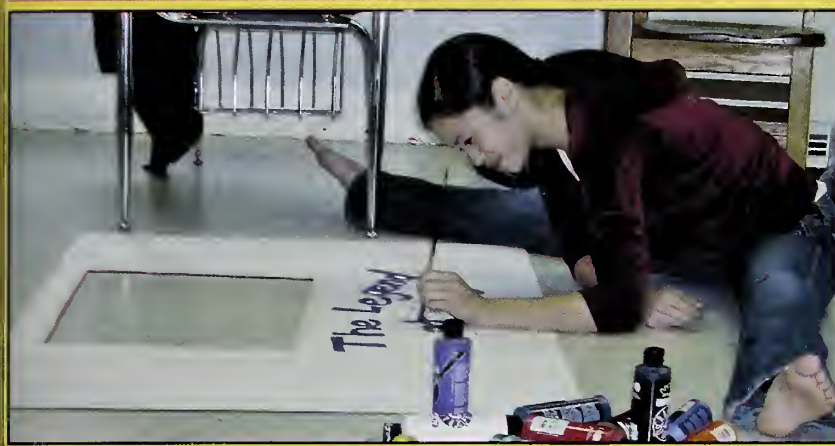
Gotta love the NCSSA academics.  
They have caused many a late night of  
procrastination and asbestos delirium!  
These four years have taught me so  
much, I don't know what I would do without  
the people I have met. You all mean the world  
to me. Thank you.

Most Kenzui and a Yeah Boy Yeah  
to All!  
I LOVE YOU!

~ Gwennith Keltov



# Native American Project



Delaney Wing paints for her project



Courtney Diaz works diligently to finish her project

An important part of the study of a culture is to examine that culture's art and religion. Myths and folktales encompass both of those aspects of culture. After thoroughly researching a Native American tribe and reading several myths that originated in the tribe, 8th graders dramatized a myth that characterized the tribe's culture. The drama was the focal point of a larger class presentation that detailed the history and religion of the assigned tribe. As is usual at NCSA, students strived to create presentations that were as entertaining and aesthetically pleasing as they were informative.

## Calculus Doughnut Lab



Emily Cloyd, Brian Waldrep, Lindsay Newton, and Michael Feller are having fun while learning Calculus



Brittany Summer, Brianna Gribben, Michael Dwinell, and Sally Turkel measure the ends of their doughnuts for the lab.

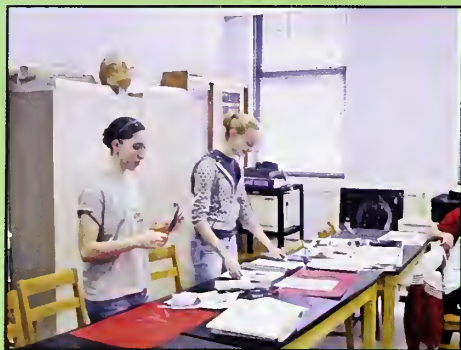


Ian Adams, Abigail Howard, Bindu Pamarthi, Ryan Karrigan get ready to eat their doughnuts after finishing the lab.

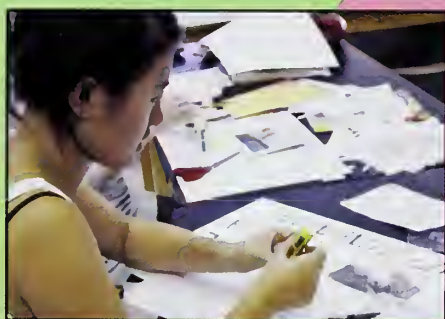
One of the applications of calculus is to find volumes of non-regular objects. A doughnut is just such an object. This lab asks students to find the volume of a doughnut by considering a slice of the doughnut rotated around the x-axis. Students love the activity (well, eating the doughnuts, anyway) and tend to do quite well on the lab.



# Earth Science Volcano Projects



Julia Eisen and Emily Cloyd diligently work on their presentations.



Jing Niu creatively works on her volcano presentation.

They are magnanimous, highly explosive and extremely fascinating and I am not just talking about Dr. Reiskind's Advanced Earth Science class, but their volcano posters as well! Students chose volcanoes from around the world such as Mount Vesuvius in Italy, Arenal in Costa Rica, and Mount St. Helen's in Washington. The class researched information on their individual volcanoes and then created posters. Information gathered included how each volcano formed, the major eruptions that have occurred, and when the volcano is mostly likely to stir again!



Ryan Layton presents his volcano project



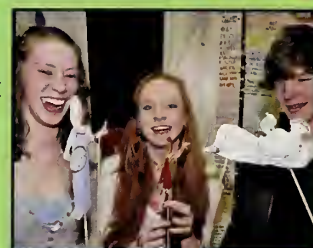
Dr. Reiskind proudly shows off his classes' hard work.

## Council of the Gods



Emily Wolfe and Alyssa DiSantis pose proudly with their finished projects.

Have you ever dreamed of being the supreme power in the universe? At one time or another, most of us have wished that we were in charge of the events unfolding around us. The 9th grade World History and English classes got that opportunity in late winter when they were assigned a Greek god or goddess to research and portray. After exploring the myths in which the deity appeared, students prepared a character sketch and created a puppet in the likeness of the god or goddess. Then, they received a modern scenario that would



Chelsea Robicheau, Jessica Barringer, and Cody Hayman have fun with their puppets.



The Council of the Gods.

rival any popular daytime soap opera and the debate began. Who in this debacle would be punished? Who would be rewarded? These were the questions that the Council of the Gods had to answer. Colin Fullerton, who played the mighty Zeus, says of having the opportunity to be the king of the Gods, "It gave me the opportunity to exert the kind of authority that I have dreamed of for many years."



The students present their finished project.



# Physics Roller Coaster Project



Vanessa Chumbley laughs as Thomas McShane's coaster fails to cooperate.

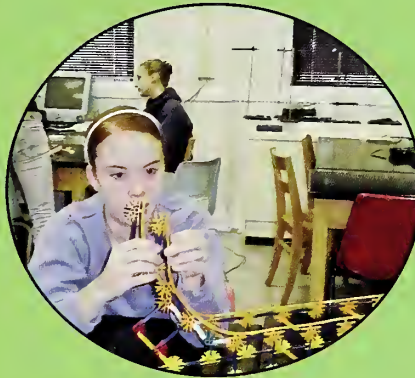
In Dr. Andrews Physics classes the students have been studying projectile motion and learning how to calculate the distance, velocity, and acceleration of trajectories. They have also been studying the physics behind roller coasters. For this project, the students had to design and construct a model roller coaster and then calculate the kinetic and potential energy of the system.



Dave Connor does everything possible to help make his roller coaster a success.



Kelly Bolick loves her looping coaster.



Margaret Summers works diligently on her groups sweet coaster!



Dr. Andrews' physics class works together to build one giant roller coaster!

## Poetry Project



Sterling King cuts construction paper for her amazing poetry project.



Paloma Garcia-Lee and Rebekah Downing express their appreciation to Dr. Haigh for the poetry project.



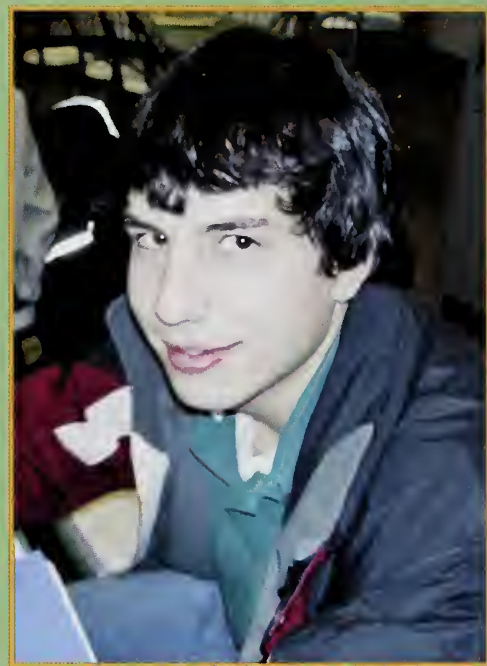
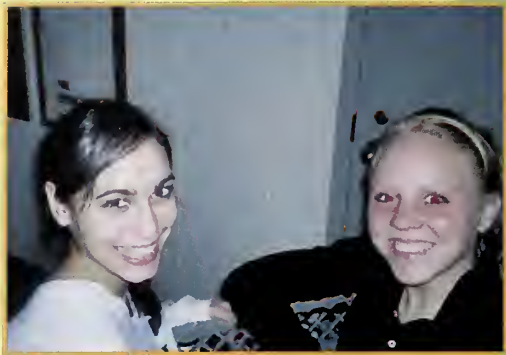
Rachel Apple panics about completing her Poetry Project.



Sara Hauhuth, Sara Bunemann, Aubrey Busek, and Anna Young work together to finish their projects.

Anybody and everybody at NCSA has either done or heard about Dr. Haigh's infamous Poetry Project. His students spend all winter term working on a collection of poems, responses, and biographies. They are then required to write their own poems along with a response. Even though they have all term, many of the 10th graders will be up all night, waiting until the last possible moment, to create their poetic masterpiece.





To whom it may concern,  
 Being in Ladies in Arts has  
 been a very rewarding experience.  
 I feel like I have helped the  
 community in many ways. I truly  
 enjoy helping people less fortunate  
 than I. I am grateful for  
 this opportunity.

*Boyle Albarrisei*







# NCSA Democrats

## Officers



Brian Fidali, President, and Haley Dreis, Secretary, are regularly involved in planning and organizing meetings and student functions, such as voter registration and a political poster drive.



Mara Driscoll, Vice President for Research and Activities, helps create an agenda, researches issues, and helps the President coordinate activities.



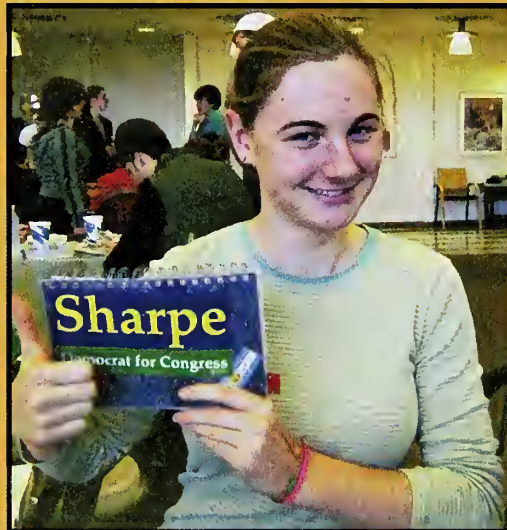
Our oldest member:  
Mr. Donkey.

NCSA Democrats was created by Annie Boiter-Jolley (High School Class of 2006) to increase political awareness and encourage students to become politically and socially active. This year, President Brian Fidali organized a voter registration, phonebanks, monthly meetings, and a political awareness poster drive. The club serves to broaden students' views and facilitate participation within and outside of the NCSA community.

An image of our favorite Democrats T-shirt.



Ian Adams, Vice President of Advertising, spends time supporting and informing his fellow students of club meeting times and international political issues.



Gillian Scruggs, Vice President of Membership, encourages students to vote during Voter Registration. She volunteered at the registration table outside of the Pickle Jar and informed students about political candidates and their platforms.



Member Sydney Vigotov prints out flyers in the computer lab to inform students of monthly meetings.



# French Activities

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## Bonjour!

The French language and culture is apparent in everyday activities at NCSA.

Students show interest in the French world by creating "pommes frites" or "un sandwich" in the caf to simply saying "Bonjour" to Madame in passing. Interest in the French world is so strong at NCSA that the French Club was created last year to allow students to indulge their interest in France and to converse with other French-speaking students. However, due to hectic schedules, the French Club has not been as active this year as it was last year. When the French Club has gotten together they have eaten French food, conversed to the best of their ability in French, and discussed and learned more about the French culture.

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J'aime la  
Classe du  
français



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1. Michael Dwinell, Lauren Browning, Adam Chavis, and Jason Fields using the dry-erase boards to illustrate French vocabulary.

2. Steven Troncale and Payton Harkins showing some friendly French love during a dialogue skit.

3. Elena Shapiro and Gwen Kelley enjoying some "pommes frites" from the Pickle Jar.

4. Brittany Bailey and Lauren Gunsch using the dry-erase boards during class.

5. Elena Shapiro writes "I like french class" on a dry-erase board.

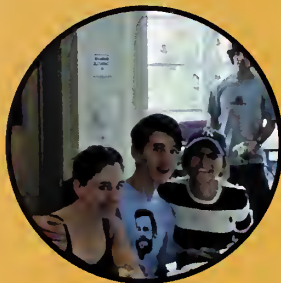
6. Madame Golden's cheerful face greets us in class and in the hall.

7. Steven Troncale's intense dry-erase board drawing.



# High School Advisory Committee

## Representatives



Sydney Vigotov, Michael Mount, and Lindsay Yates talk about upcoming events.



HSA members meet in the connector to discuss pressing issues.



Alexandra Orenstein and Delaney Wing plan during a monthly meeting.



Official committee documents given to students during a meeting.

Whether you've got a problem with a rule or you just want someone to hear your voice, the High School Advisory Committee is the group to see. In monthly meetings, high school students and faculty members from all departments convene to discuss the campus's most pressing issues. The hottest topic in recent meetings has been what to do with the student veranda created when the connector was built. If students have ideas, they pop in on meetings and voice their thoughts. Bearing a great deal of responsibility, this committee is constantly working hard to make high school life easier for the rest of us. To seek a change, seek a member, but good luck finding these busy campus crusaders!

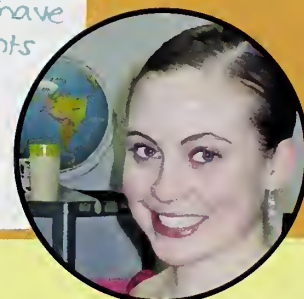


Michael Mount, Zach Bowers, and Brian Fidali sign their HSA spirit!



The High School Advisory Committee: Jennifer Gaddis, Brian Fidali, Judson Fraley, Samantha Driver, Alexandra Orenstein, Lauren Whitaker, Martha Golden, Lia DeLand, Nina Danilova, and Susan Keely Kaitlyn Moise, Kelly Bolick, Michael Mount, Saul Green, and Zach Bowers

To Whom It May Concern,  
I've been at NCSA for three years now and I've met so many people. After thinking about all those people that have touched my life and have inspired me, I realize that NCSA has helped me figure out who I am in this world. NCSA really is an amazing place. It's a place where students and faculty truly care. I have witnessed the amazing ability of students and faculty from all departments to come together and discuss the welfare and happiness of the students of NCSA.  
-Kaitlyn Moise





# Israeli Culture Club

## ICC

The Israeli Culture Club is an organization created by Jordan T. McGee in order to educate others on issues involving middle eastern affairs, specifically in Israel. The club was introduced to the NCSA campus this year with the mission of educating the students in Eastern politics, a history of the Middle East, and an attempt at bettering the community and making it aware of the current situation.



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*"The ICC is the bangin'est club around. We get our learn on about Israel, and in my book, that's a great thing to get my learn on about. Plus, Jordan McGee sings to us in his native Hebrew speak. And that is extremely attractive."*

-Sydney Vigotov

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1. Bailey Hamrick, Mary Stanford, Jordan McGee, Liliana Padilla, and Susannah Jones pose for a group shot.
2. Sydney Vigotov and Saul Green get excited about ICC.
3. President Jordan McGee shows some of his killer moves.
4. The Israeli Flag.
5. Sydney Vigotov gives her opinion about the club.

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# Kudzu Gazette

## Newspaper Officers



Michael Dwinell, Steven Troncale, Haley Dreis and Kaylin Davison participate in a Kudzu Gazette meeting with two college students.



Founded by Anna Lodico in 2004, The Kudzu Gazette is NCSA's student newspaper. Its staff works to keep the campus informed with accurate news reporting and create a forum for free expression of student opinions. Issued every two weeks, the paper contains school-wide news issues, student editorials, letters to the editor, reviews, comics and sudoku puzzles. With help and funding from local businesses, the paper sparks the interest of students, faculty and staff and furthers school-wide communication.



Top Picture: Steven Troncale, Haley Dreis and Kaylin Davison work as a team to come up with new ideas for creating headline articles.

Middle Picture: Michael Dwinell meticulously edits a student's article to free it of grammatical errors.

Bottom Picture: Kaylin Davison smiles as she enjoys proofreading and taking notes during newspaper meetings.



Haley Dreis goes to FedEx Kinko's to print out 300 copies of the newspaper.



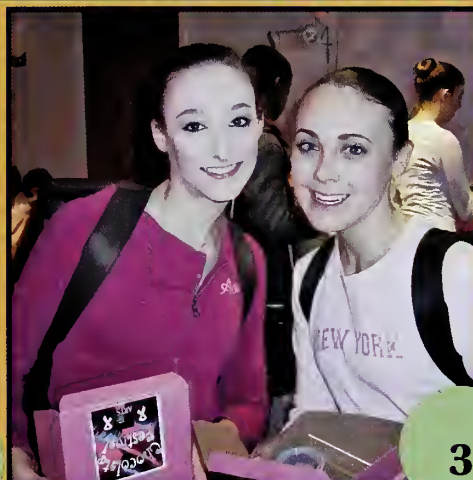
Jaclyn Oakley enjoys herself as she writes an article for her deadline.



Crashonda Edwards diligently works on the newspaper layout in the computer lab.



# LIA: Ladies In Arts



1. All the LIA ladies take a picture for remembrance at the end of our very first meeting.
2. Emily Nicolas, Zoe McDonie, and Emily Cloyd get ready for another LIA meeting.
3. Kerstin Stayton and Kaitlin Frankenfield at a function in support of the Ladies In Arts.
4. Gwen Kelley, Ellie Kuhn, and Brittany Strickland take a break from their hard and get a picture taken.
5. Emily Cloyd and Ashley Burger help set up for the chocolate festival.
6. Alex Orenstein and Shelly Zeiser at a LIA meeting.
7. Crashonda Edwards and Jemeesa Yarborough lead a meeting, in style of course.

## The Ladies

Ladies In Arts was created at the beginning of this year to unite the college and high school women of NCSA while serving the Winston-Salem community. All events are designed to raise money for charities. LIA hosted the wildly successful and popular Chocolate



Festival, which donated money to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



The ladies of NCSA come together in LIA, representing each art school and helping each other to achieve their goals. This year's officers were:

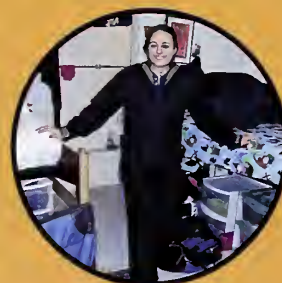


President and Founder- Crashonda Edwards, Vice-President- Jemeesa Yarborough, Secretary- Sydney Vigotov, Historian- Kaitlyn Moise, and Sergeant at Arms- Christina Benson.



# Peer Leaders

## The Work of the PL



Peer Leaders make our lives more comfortable in the dorms. When life is hard and you just don't want to ask a coordinator, a peer leader is always there to help you. If you are in the dorms, the commons, or just all by your lonesome, they will always be there.

Peer Leaders: these people are so special. They even have special plaques on their bedroom doors. What do they do? They have the important job of making bulletin boards, planning the ever-important checkpoints, and organizing socials. But, the most important role of the peer leader is to aid students through their inner turmoil. Whenever you have a problem, a peer leader is always there to give input from the student's point of view, rather than hearing the same old thing from everyone else. You might not always see them doing their job, but behind the scenes the PLs are the people who wake up in the middle of the night to aid students in distress and plan events that keep us from complete boredom. They consequently are essential to our lives as they aid our overall mental health. The peer leaders give us confidence and order in a hectic world. Once you knock on that special Peer Leader door you know that all of your problems are taken care of and are in the hands of those dependable, loyal, trustworthy, steadfast friends who act as a constant star in a world of mayhem.



NCSA's PLs, Michael Feller, Lindsay Newton, Joanna Michelic, Naomi Goodson, Summer Hassan, Jessica Kunttu, Logan Hasson, Sydney Vigotov, Caroline Beck, Brooke Robbins, Lea Griggs, Brian Fidali, Sarah Ingel, and Savannah Guest are preparing for the long year ahead.



*To whom it may concern:*

*I stand for what I believe in, and I believe in what I stand for. I aim to do my best, and sometimes I aim too high. Often I fail; then I remind myself that perfection is unattainable. Who is to define the perfect person? I am unique; I will not try to be what the world perceives a person should be, because that person is not who I was meant to be. I am beautifully and wonderfully made. I believe that all people are. I try to love everyone. Love is not just an emotion, but also a choice. Love is valuing others' needs above my own. Love is treating my enemy like I would treat my best friend. Love is sharing what I have to make someone else's life a little bit better. God knows I'm not perfect; I know I can't be. I can only do what I can, and accept God's grace for everything else.*  
*Joanna Michelic*



# Prom Committee

## PROM 2007

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The next best thing to attending the prom is planning it! In the NCSA Prom Committee, students get a chance to voice their ideas and share their creative insight. From location to theme to music, students plan the prom down to the finger food. With the opinions of the rest of the student body, the Prom Committee decides on the details

that make or break

an event. This

year's festivities

are set to take

place at The

Tanglewood Barn.

With a

2007 theme,

the joint will

likely be

swarming with

suave agents and

glamorous Bond Girls.

The night's only

mission will be to keep

your friends close and

your enemies even

closer on the dance

floor.



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1. Zach Bowers and Saul Green express their excitement about this year's prom theme.

2. Abigail Howard and Dave Connor scavenge for this year's decorations.

3. Sydney Vigotov makes plans for music and food.

4. This year's muse.

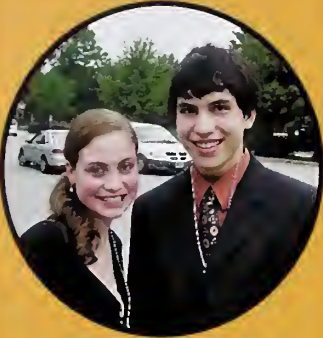
5. Judson Fraley: the organizer of the event.

6. Lauren Whitaker: the Power behind the Prom.



# Student Government Association

## Officers



Kaitlyn Moise, Brian Fidali, Darrelle Green, Sydney Vigitov, Alan Tyson and Haley Dreis spend lots of time at monthly meetings discussing important issues to improve students' lives at NCSA. They work hard at representing the student body while having fun in the process.

What really happens behind the scenes of the Student Government Association? More than you can imagine! Each month, the SGA gathers to discuss important issues concerning student life. The SGA represents the entire NCSA body: tuition increases and prices of textbooks have been on the agenda so far. The students of SGA often go to meetings and gather with the other sixteen UNC campuses involved with SGA as well. These conferences are hosted at different locations such as Chapel Hill, Wilmington, and Raleigh. SGA students are given the opportunity to discuss concerns on their campus, with other SGA members from around the state.



Johnathan Robinson, Vice President, hopes to bring student involvement for current issues at NCSA.



High School students gather in "The Gallery" to discuss important issues.



Darrelle Green and Brian Fidali work hard to make the Student Government a success. As always, they keep smiles on their faces.

To Whom it May Concern,

I joined student government to help my fellow students have their voices heard. While we've encountered many obstacles, I'm very happy with our successes (no more monthly assemblies!) as well as the increased attention we've brought to high school concerns at NCSA. I am thankful for the confidence you showed in electing me and the great things that we've accomplished together.

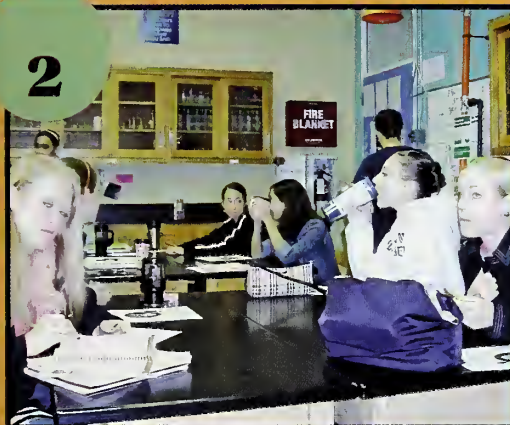
Sincerely,  
Brian Fidali



# Yearbook



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1. The yearbook staff poses for a group shot: Lauren Browning, Chris Greco, Jeremy Huggins, Jaclyn Oakley, Grace Reeves, Kaitlyn Hayes, Abigail Howard, Lindsay Newton, David Saunders, Haley Dreis, Ellie Kuhn, Gwen Kelley, Bette Sykes, Sally Turkel, Margaret Summers, Barri DeFrancisci, Sarah Watson, Kelly Bolick, Brittany Summer, Brittany Strickland, and Kaitlyn Moise.

2. Sarah Watson, Jaclyn Oakley, and Lauren Browning enjoy their morning coffee while discussing themes for the yearbook.

3. Barri DeFrancisci, Kaitlyn Hayes, Margaret Summers, Sally Turkel, Lauren Browning, Bette Sykes, Kelly Bolick, and Sarah Watson discuss pages with their teams.

4. Hard working editors Kaitlyn Hayes and Kaitlyn Moise take a break so we can take their picture.

5. Lindsay Newton, Abigail Howard, Lauren Browning, Jaclyn Oakley, and Grace Reeves grab coffee on their way to class.

## Yearbook

This year, for the first time at NCSA, yearbook was not an extracurricular activity; it was an elective English class. The yearbook class met every Wednesday morning in Ms. Whitworth's room, received assignments, and then headed to the computer lab to get the work done. Editors, Kaitlyn Hayes and Kaitlyn Moise, headed up the staff and worked hard to make sure all the deadlines were met and that all students were pictured in the yearbook. Putting together a yearbook is always a difficult process and this year was no different. The staff was often found stalking people for photos, begging someone to write an article, threatening a senior with deletion from the yearbook if their senior quote wasn't received, or even yelling at a computer for not saving their work. While the frustrations were many, the finished product was worth the effort.



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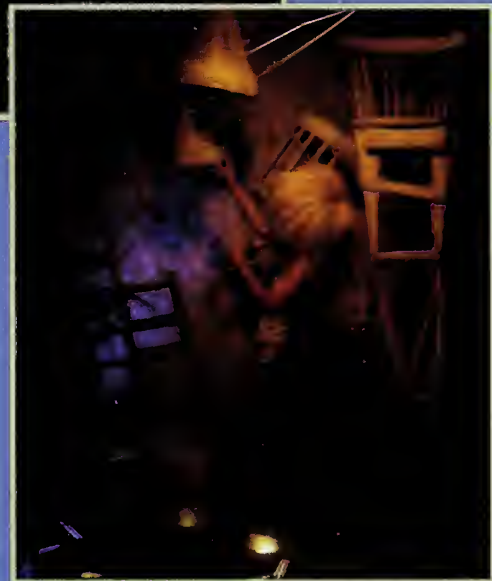
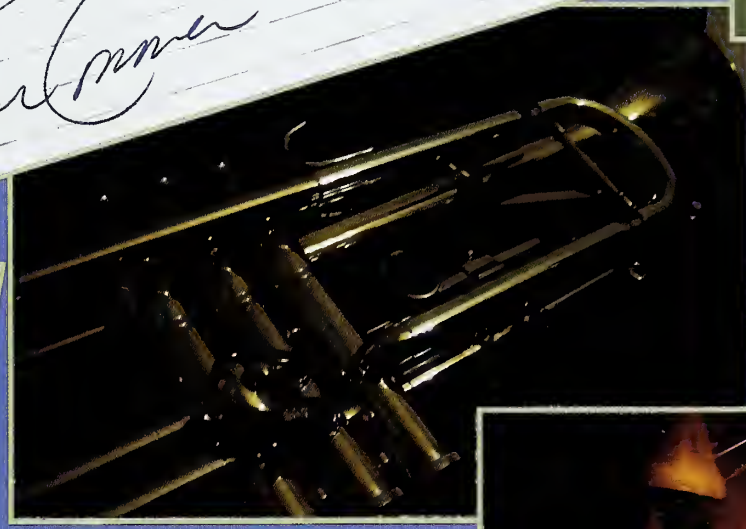
# Arts







To Whom IT MAY CONCERN:  
To SEE A STUDENT EXECUTE AN EXTRA PIRQUETTE,  
To JUMP A LITTLE HIGHER,  
To BECOME A ARTIST,  
INDESCRIBABLE, PRICELESS!  
Your Mother







# R emembering Melissa Hayden



"Serenade"

*In 1949, Melissa Hayden was invited by George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein to join the newly formed New York City Ballet, where she spent 22 years as a world-famous ballerina.*



Working with  
George Balanchine

## Good 'Ole Millie

By: Katie Walker  
2004 HS Alumni

I started out frightened -  
of the voice, the touch, the glare,  
scared that one wrong move  
would destroy my chance in her eyes.

She was the evil one,  
with her sweet suffocating scent that  
filled the hallways and studios,  
and her voice that I never escaped.

Everyday was a new trial  
and she was always to judge;  
one day I was her star,  
the next a "stupid little girl".

I learned to hold my breath  
and pray I was correct.  
If I was, I'd get a "right",  
like a compliment from God

Months passed by as I learned  
the secrets to pleasing her.  
She began to see something  
and named me "her Katie".

Each day became a comedy act,  
with her snide yet humorous remarks.  
While everyone still felt the hatred,  
I grew to love the immortal lady.

In class she criticized me to the point of tears,  
and worked me till I could not go on,  
but yet she would always give me  
the praise I needed to continue.

She would drain all of my energy  
and rehearse me till my bones felt broken,  
but each time the curtain closed on a  
disappointing show,  
she was chasing me down yelling "bravo".

Through all the classes, rehearsals, and shows,  
she has been the one to give me hope,  
she has made me believe in myself,  
and because of her I have a future.

Without her, I would have given up;  
I would not have suffered so much ridicule,  
and I would have not fought back  
to prove her I was better than she said.

In five years, there have been so many times  
I just wanted to walk away and never say hello,  
but now that my time has come to leave,  
I don't know how to say goodbye.

Not only am I saying bye to my teacher,  
I am saying goodbye to my inspiration,  
my deepest fear, my amusement, my adopted  
grandmother, and a lifetime of memories.

For years to come, I will be telling of my experiences.  
I will tell the stories of the legendary ballerina,  
that sent me through hell, only to find heaven;  
I will tell everyone I meet of my dear Millie.





On October 1, 2006 the Stevens Center welcomed NCSA alumni, famous dancers, teachers, family, friends, and recent students of Melissa Hayden, who died in August at the age of 83. As the audience entered the sold out theatre they talked about memorable moments they shared with Ms. Hayden and about the strong influence she had on the School of Dance here at NCSA. The dancers backstage anticipated an emotional performance. Remembering the hours of

rehearsals in which Ms. Hayden had pushed them past their limits and criticized their every move along with the times she would help them celebrate a classmate's birthday and tell them about her career, the dancers thought of how much stronger Ms. Hayden had made them while teaching at the school and how much they would miss her now that she was gone.



*"Although the task sometimes seemed daunting, Melissa Hayden would scoop our young students into her fragile hands, allowing them to burst forward into another realm. Words are not enough, but still our souls, and hers, are speaking"*  
- Susan McCullough, Dean of Dance

*"Totally honest as a ballerina, she was totally honest in real life. You knew where you stood. Her candor could hurt, but we knew she spoke out because of her commitment, and we loved her anyway."*  
- Suki Schorer, Faculty, School of American Ballet

*Every class was a struggle, and it never seemed to help to have Ms. Hayden screaming "If you can't do it, then you really don't want it," It always seemed harsh when she basically told us we weren't trying hard enough, but then I realized that she was just trying to implant in us a desire where regardless of our ability, she would make us do it.*  
- Grace Reeves  
student of Ms. Hayden's for 3 years

*"I love grapes."*  
- Ms. Hayden



The tribute to Melissa Hayden included works performed by current stars of the ballet world and NCSA alumni, a film of Hayden dancing, and emotional remarks made by those who knew and worked with Ms. Hayden. To close the show, selected students from the School of Dance performed an excerpt from "Serenade" along side Ashley Boudier, Kyra Homeres, and Deanna Seay. With only two weeks to prepare for the performance, the dancers deicated long hours to making the steps flawless, but all they could think about on the day of the show was how much the performance would have meant to Ms. Hayden. The dancers, most of which trained with Ms. Hayden in the last years of her life, danced with all of their hearts and souls, celebrating the art of dance and the life of their teacher, Melissa Hayden.



Sally Turkel,  
Bette Sykes,  
Jaclyn Oakley,  
Brittany Strickland,  
Grace Reeves



1. Bette Sykes as Lead Chinese and Grace Reeves as the Arabian dancer are thrilled to be performing in NCSA's 40th Anniversary of "The Nutcracker."
2. Kelly Bolick and Billy Morgan warm-up before Mrs. Spizzo's technique class.
3. Ashley Brown, Zoe Lewis, Alex Orenstein, and Ali Kish pose before performing "La Bayadere" in Fall Workshop.
4. Jacob Stainback, Sara Havener, Claire Kretzschmar, and Jerry Wyatt are enthusiastically awaiting the arrival of their instructor for ballet class.
5. Barri DeFrancisci, Margaret Summers, and Christina Conlin get ready to perform in "Carmen" with Carolina Ballet.



Grace Reeves, Kendall Wood, and Gwen Kelley are excited to be at "Nutcracker" rehearsals on Saturday morning.

Ballet students are known for their holiday parties and the B6 class is definitely enjoying their Valentine's Day feast.

Mrs. Spizzo's B3 class loves dressing up as story book characters for Halloween!



# Ballet

If you want to see some nasty feet, then look no further. These ladies and gentlemen sacrifice their bodies for the sake of the dance. Ballet is about making something really hard look like it is a piece of cake. Think about it...ballet dancers walk around on their tip-toes, something totally unnatural, and make it look like they were born doing it. The men use every muscle in their body to lift girls here and there around the stage. Ballet dancers are crazy. They stand holding onto a barre with a serious face practically half-naked and then parade around the stage on their toes. But, the beauty that is created with their bodies in performance always makes up for the crazed, insane work in the studio. It might seem pretty and beautiful at first sight, but when you go back stage, you see the true dancer. Even though ballet sometimes seems like torture to the body and mind, it is an art without limits, without boundaries. Ballet allows a dancer to express feelings without words. In a sense, it is a language in itself. To use every ounce of the body to create art is a gift and blessing that can never be accounted for.

To Whom it May Concern,

NCSA has been my home for the past 5 years... It's provided me with more stress than I could have ever expected... yet more happiness than I ever thought possible. I have no idea what's going to happen for me after NCSA. I like it that way, and I'll never forget the people that I've grown-up with over these years. I love you all and I can't wait to cross paths with you again in the future.

"Most Kehzul", I wouldn't change a thing.

Lauren Browning



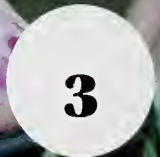


# Contemporary

If you see some barefoot people rolling around on the studio floors, they are contemporary dancers. Aside from technique classes, these people are famous for their compositions and choreography. They spend their time in the studio, creating new works of their own. While the M2s have their M2 Steps and the M3s have their Partidas, M1s take the year to develop their creativity and present their own composition showings. However, these dancers have other classes including repetition, ballet and academics. You can also find them spending significant time rehearsing for the major performances of each term. So, contemporary dancers are more than just barefoot people rolling on the floor, they are hard working amazing dancers whose feet allow them to do what they love.



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To whom it may concern:  
My life has been filled with beautiful memories of tears and laughter. The friends that I have come across and everyone that has inspired me to do better. I have come to learn that my heart grows stronger day by day and I will continue to live, learn, love and become the best!  
David Saunders







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1. Blakeney Bullock, Olivia Jordan, Lindsay Newton, and Kaitlyn Hayes pay tribute to Trish Casey and experience "Granny-Panty Neutral!"
2. Hannah Darrah, Amber Adams, and Katherine Brock place themselves in their opening position to dance.
3. Paulina Bracone rehearses the M2 Stew she is in.
4. Rachel Boone and Elizabeth Roach dance together on Demille stage during a composition showing.
5. Sarah Intel "points in space" for Diane McLean with a laundry basket on her head.



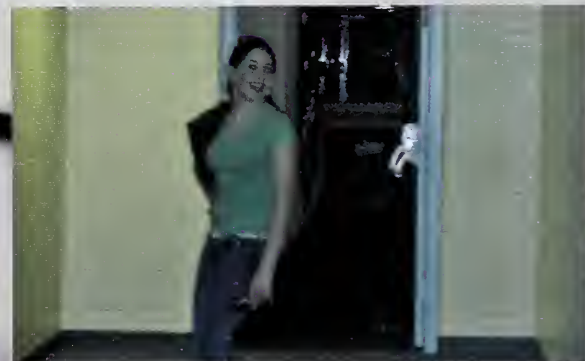
Paulina Bracone, Katherine Brock, and Alia Roberts move through the M2 Stew piece they are in, working very hard and dancing beautifully.



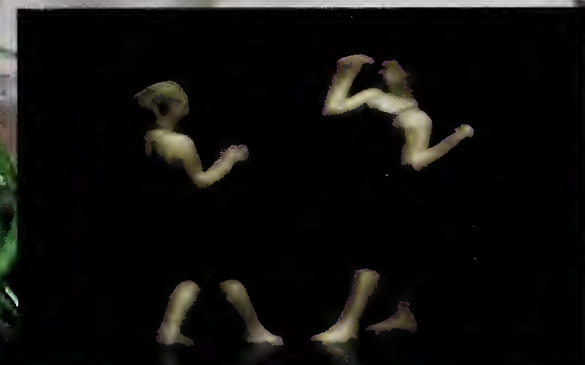
Paulina Bracone reflects on the dance language in between the spaces of her previous schedule.



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Alysha Perini roams the halls in the dance building trying to find a space to work.



Ryan Page and Leah Lohneiss present their working duet at a composition showing.





# The Nutcracker



Each year ballet dancers cast in the Nutcracker spend endless hours rehearsing their roles. Some dancers were Soldiers battling the Rat King, others were parents attending a Christmas party, and in the land of sweets many dancers performed as Flowers, Spanish couples, Arabians, Mirlitons, and of course the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Dancers will always remember the hours upon hours of rehearsal in Studio A, the cold mornings that they woke up catching the NCSA bus to the Stevens Center, Mr. Lindgren's inspirational speeches before performances, and the days they never left the theatre from early in the morning until late at night. Audiences were delighted by this holiday classic; the children in the audience will always remember how they felt when they first saw the enchanting sugar plum dance, but for the cast of the NCSA Nutcracker production, it will be the friendships formed and joy of performing that made all of the work worthwhile.



Adam Chavis and Brittany Strickland practice for Snow Pas before the performance.



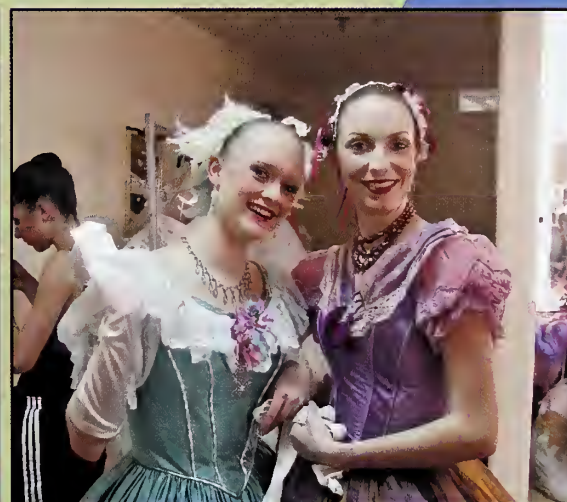
Over Thanksgiving break, one of the Nutcracker's cast

members, Mark Tucker (High School Class of 2006), broke his leg. He was unable to perform, and was greatly missed by all the dancers involved in the production. Recovering from surgery, Mark still came to the theatre to support his friends and cheer them on as they performed at the Stevens Center. Thanks to Mr. Smith, giant cards were signed and sent to Mark as well as a video including performance footage and loving comments from all the dancers.



Mr. Smith rehearses the party scene on stage with the Nutcracker's cast of parents and children.





Brittany Strickland, Brittany Summer, and Jaclyn Oakley  
as lead flowers

Sarah Watson and Kendell Wood are ready to  
go on as mothers.





# Fall Dance



Katheryn Walker and Leonce Wilkins practice for Brenda Daniels' piece, "Boys and Girls," in Fall Dance.

"Dancers are ready...Lights up!" The lights are up, you're on stage ready to go. Adrenaline kicks in as the music starts, and you are off, dancing and having fun. You dance for yourself, your parents, the audience, whoever. Before you even know it, the piece is over; you're in your ending position as the lights fade or blackout. The crowd roars with excitement, your fellow students cheering you on for what a wonderful performance you gave. This is the life of a contemporary dancer during Fall Dance. It was a very long week of performances, but it was filled with beautiful work, the number of dancers ranging from four to around twenty for each piece. As the week came to an end, cast parties abounded as well as a feeling of sadness, added with a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment: satisfaction that you showed people what you are capable of, and the accomplishment of making it through the hard work to offer an excellent performance.



Contemporary dancers perform a 1970s psychedelic piece, "From the Flowers in Their Eyes," to four songs by 3 Dog Night. It was choreographed by Sean Sullivan.



The final bows after Dianne Markham's piece, "Love Songs," in Fall Dance.



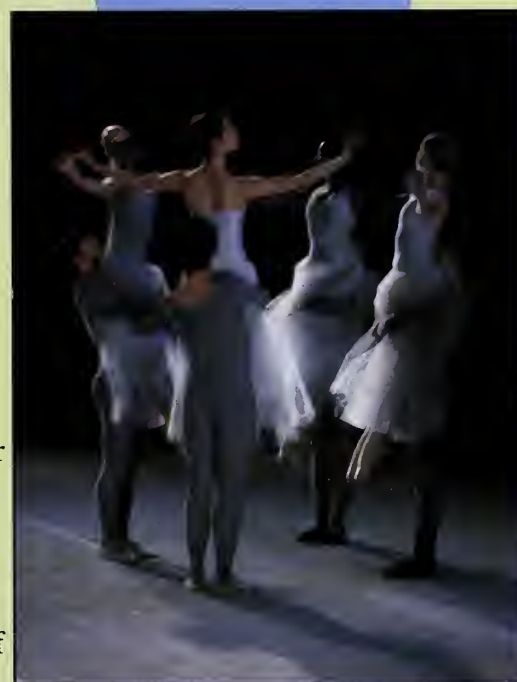


# Winter Dance



Grace Reeves, Sally Turkel, and Brittany Summers embrace the principle male as they prepare to dance together.

Each year the dance department spends the entire winter term preparing for this performance. The Ballet department brought in Jerri Kumery, Associate Artistic Director of North Carolina Dance Theater, to set Balanchine's *Serenade* for our students. The dancers worked particularly long and hard on this ballet in order to execute an exquisite performance. Rehearsals began immediately after returning from Winter Break, and continued non-stop until the performances. When combining these multiple rehearsals and auditions, some students went four to five weeks without a single day of rest. All of this hard work paid off in the end when the cast prepared for opening night and executed a phenomenal performance. Parents, teachers, and friends were proud of the dancers for their hard work.



Mara Driscoll, Sarah Watson, Lydia McRae, and Gwen Kelley are lifted by Jeffrey Sykes, Greg DeSantis, Spencer Badesch, and Jeremy Huggins.



The cast of "Serenade" with teachers Jerri Kumery, and Fanchon Cordell.



In the end of the piece, six ladies mark the pathway of the principle dancer.



# Emerging Choreographers



Lindsay Newton, Alia Roberts, Christina Pemberton, and fellow college students rehearse a week before the performance.

Emerging Choreographers is a performance choreographed by the fourth year modern students who create pieces culminating their intensive dance training at NCSA. Unlike the many other choreographic opportunities, they are given new freedoms. The Emerging choreographers performance awes the audience each year with the student's creativity and is met with great praise and applause.



Emily Nicolas and Patrick McGill showing off their acrobatic skills before the performance.

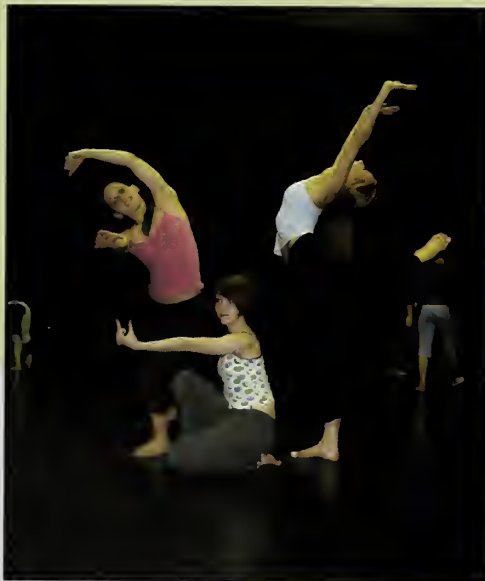


Brittany Bailey before the show.



Kaitlyn Hayes and Lindsay Newton after the show.

## Partitas



Courtney Lopes, Katheryn Walker and Emily Nicolas demonstrate a pose from their Partita.

The partitium is a greatly anticipated event by the entire modern dance department. For the first time second year students perform self choreographed works. The creative process begins by developing movement based on a shell hand picked by Brenda Daniels. Each student's movement undergoes a series of manipulations until the allegro section is complete. The adagio section inspired by a photograph follows, creating a wonderful dynamic change. Even though the music is the same for each student, each creation is surprisingly unique.



Sydney Vigotov, Kelsey Dickerson and Sarah Ingel practice their Partita poses together.





# Dance Workshops



Sarah Berube and Kayleigh Danowski posing before rehearsal for Workshop.

Dance Workshops are opportunities for ballet and modern students to perform pieces of repertoire they have been working on during the term. Both new works and previously choreographed works are shown. The works range from the classical "La Bayadere" to the more contemporary works like Brenda Daniels' "Boys and Girls (Two Duets)". The pieces rehearsed in repertory classes are performed in Workshop. Each workshop meets with great excitement as every dancer exhibits dedication and passion.



Cleo Ledet and Emily Cloyd before repertory class.



Megan Liberty, Lauren Pschirrer, Erika DeSimone, Zoe McDonie, Kathleen Leigh and Heather Hillebrand before repertory class.



Courtney Lopes, Kelsey Dickerson, Naomi Goodson, Jillian Sawyer, Emily Nicolas, Sarah Ingel, and Paulina Bracone goof off before repertory class.



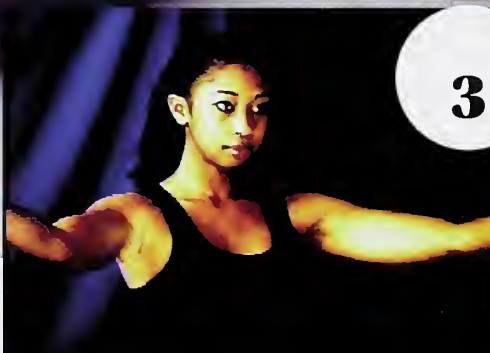
1. Cameron Scoggins, Elisabeth Mesele, and Jordan McGee give us a glimpse into the daily life of an aspiring actor.
2. The night before their trip to Chicago, Jordan Walsh and her fellow drama students rehearsed their monologues for all to watch.
3. Christina Benson rehearses a scene from Trojan Women.
4. Jordan Walsh and Olivia Kohrman act out an intense scene from Trojan Women.
5. Crashonda Edwards and Jordan McGee embrace in a hug after their opening night of Trojan Women.
6. Patrick Osteen begins to prep by putting on costume and makeup for a performance.
7. Cameron Scoggins pours out his emotion while performing his monologues.



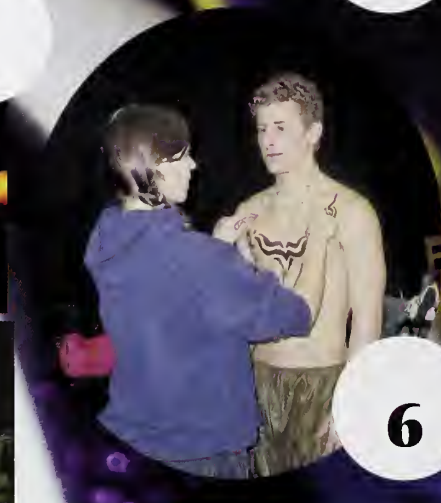
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Drama students rehearse their upcoming production of Trojan Women.



Rehearsing is just another daily routine for drama students.



Students meet over lunch for a meeting to discuss their upcoming production.



To Whom it May Concern:

When I first came to NCSA, I soon concluded that I had no idea what I was doing. The other drama students were beautiful, clever, competitive, vibrant, knowledgeable and frankly, incredibly intimidating. Sitting at lunch with my fellow classmates was like watching a standup comedy routine, the animated boys telling jokes between copious cups of fro yo. I felt like an outsider among brilliant people for whom I would never quite be good enough. Our 'icebreaker' of sorts was a showcase of the original scenes we had written. At that moment, I could not have been more self-conscious of my writing skill or acting talent.

This year has been tumultuous with homesickness, fear, joy and unsurpassed personal growth. I think the same is true for everyone in my class. We are certainly different actors than we were in August. We are also changed people, in a good way. I have found my passion for and belief in art again. The glass I see is not only half full, but sparkling. For so long, I struggled with the principles and business aspects of theatre. The business is nightmarish, granted, but I have rediscovered the incredible beauty and privilege that is being an actor. My classmates and Kelly Maxner, our brilliant, hard-working and hilarious director, inspire me every day with their intelligence, work ethic and creativity. Despite long, challenging days, we love each other, even when anxiety, exhaustion and flat out irritability peevishly swirl about the infamous 'space'. These people who used to scare the life out of me have become my family—supporting me with hugs, encouragement, honesty, humor and the deepest friendships I have ever known.

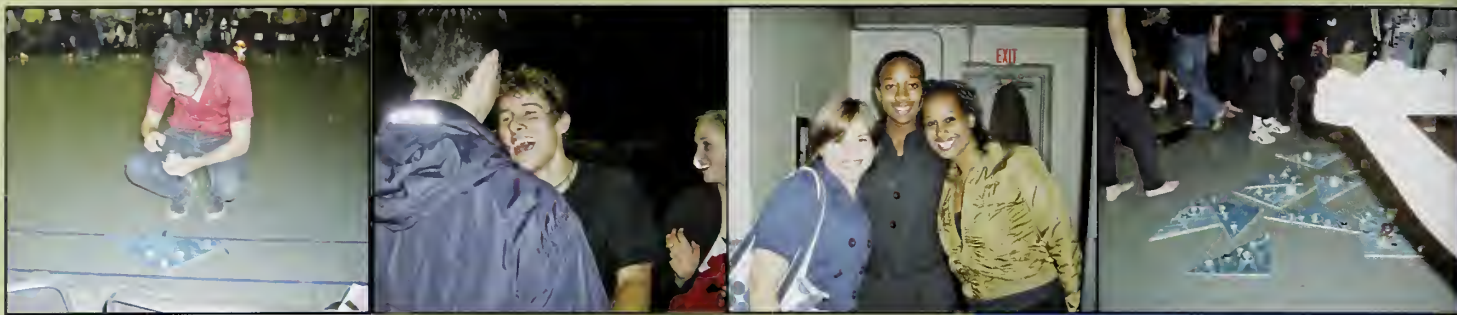
Liliana C. Padilla



All the world's a stage! That is most certainly true for the drama students at NCSA. The drama students are particularly unique because they are a close knit group that has been through a lot together. They were the first senior class to produce a play, a production for their peers. They produced a Greek tragedy Trojan Women which was a roaring success. The NCSA drama students have a particularly demanding schedule. They not only study the art of acting, but also dance, music, tai chi, circus acts, and much more. The drama students are particularly under stress during Winter Term because of their much-anticipated trip to Chicago. The students spend their time preparing for the trip, which is a great experience for them. They will be visiting the States. They will be seeing the life. They will be seeing the life. They will be seeing the life.

# DRAMA





# Trojan Women



The audience enjoys the show by candlelight.



Olivia Kohrman and Mary Katherine Bushnell give it their all during the performance.

This year, the high school Drama students were permitted by Kelly Maxner to perform work for the stage. This is unusual, because in years past, high school drama majors have not been permitted to perform for a full audience. As each audience member walked into the Drama Gym they felt an unusual presence. Candles were lit around the area that signified the stage, there were broken pieces of furniture which seemed to symbolize a chaos of some sort and seconds later ..... the show began. The room was packed and the audience waited to see the outcome. It was a complete success.



This wall is a representation of the Drama students presentation of how the Trojan Women characters come alive.



Elisabeth Mesele, Liliana Padilla, Mary Beth Stanford, and Bailey Hamrick rejoice when the show is over.





# Brenner Children's Hospital

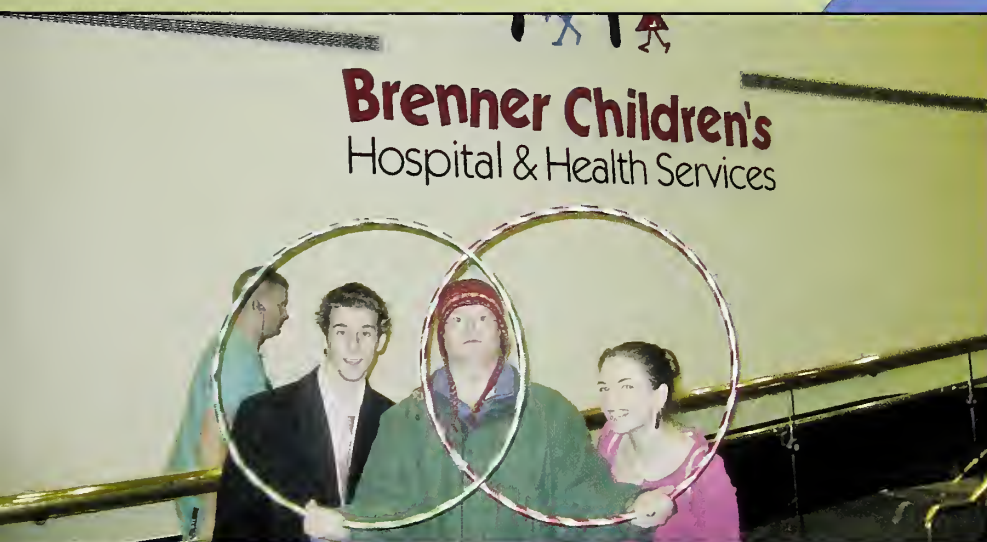


Dikki Ellis in the middle of his exciting act.

Several times during the year, the high school drama students were able to share their art with patients in the children's wing at Brenner Children's Hospital located in Winston-Salem. Accompanied by their circus teacher Dikki Ellis, they would put smiles on kids faces by showing magic tricks, juggling, or displaying other talents. After showing all their best tricks, students would rotate to different children so they could meet as many kids as possible. For people who could not join in, students would travel from room to room to perform for them. With these experiences, drama students were able to practice their skills, while spreading joy to children.

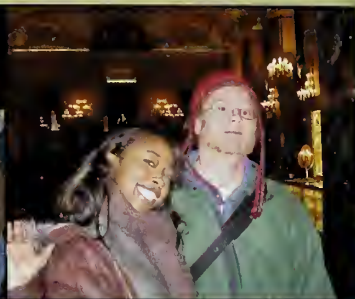
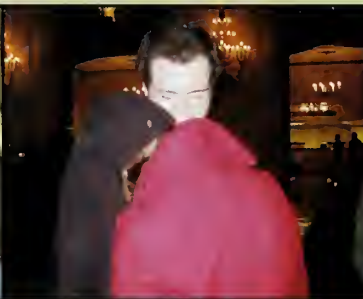


Max Kaufmann juggles rings.



Evan Todd, Dikki Ellis, and Olivia Kohrman goof off at the hospital entrance, preparing to entertain the children inside.





# Chicago

"And each time I roam, Chicago is calling me home. Chicago is one town that won't let you down! It's my kind of town." Just as the great Frank Sinatra put it, NCSA's 2007 Senior Drama Class felt "called home" as they headed to the great city of Chicago. Each year, the senior drama students fly to Chicago and audition for many of the nation's most outstanding colleges and drama departments. Students rehearse their monologues for weeks before the big trip, and this year they presented their monologues to the student body in a late night dorm demonstration. While in Chicago, anxiety and excitement overlap as students realize their futures may be decided in a few short days. In between rehearsals and auditions, students get to go out on the town, have dinner in the magical city, and sightsee.



Kelly Maxner and Olivia Kohrman chill on the bus before they start their amazing adventures in Chicago!



Mary Beth Stanford and Bailey Hamrick bundle up as they face the freezing cold temperatures outside.



Christina Benson, Elisabeth Mesele, Mary Beth Stanford, and Lilly Padilla get ready to step out onto the streets of Chicago!



Jordan McGee, Lilly Padilla, Mary Beth Stanford, Patrick Osteen, Evan Todd, Kelly Maxner, Max Kaufman, Sarah Hartman, Jordan Walsh, Bailey Hamrick, and Elisabeth Mesele go out for a night on the town after a long day of auditions.



Bailey Hamrick, Mary Katherine Bushnell, Gabe Brown, Max Kaufman, Sarah Hartman, Cameron Scoggins, and Austin Vaccaro finally arrive in Chicago.





Everyone grabs their luggage to head out on the town.

The drama boys, Max Kaufman, Austin Vaccaro, Gabe Brown, Patrick Osteen, and Cameron Scoggins start to get a little nervous about their upcoming auditions.



# MUSIC

Music is a language that speaks to the soul. For many students, it's not just a hobby, it's a passion. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, there's always something new to learn. Music is a journey, and it's one that's worth taking. It's a way to express yourself, to connect with others, and to find joy in the world. So if you're looking for a way to spend your free time, why not try music? It's a fun, creative, and rewarding experience that can last a lifetime. Music is a language that speaks to the soul. For many students, it's not just a hobby, it's a passion. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, there's always something new to learn. Music is a journey, and it's one that's worth taking. It's a way to express yourself, to connect with others, and to find joy in the world. So if you're looking for a way to spend your free time, why not try music? It's a fun, creative, and rewarding experience that can last a lifetime.

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1. Dave Connor and Steve Taglia rehearse before a performance.
2. Itzhak Perlman speaks with the NCSA string players on a special visit to the campus.
3. Summe Hassan, Caroline Beck and Jenna Riley enjoy a break in the Pickle Jar before rehearsal.
4. Laura Kaufman is spotted practicing hard.
5. Nate Gladding, Michael Dwinell, Katherine Mount and Haley Dreis bond as music students.
6. Stefani Collins performs beautifully on her violin.
7. Sarah Swilley rehearses in a practice room.
8. Megan McInnes and Jessica Kunttu enjoy some Starbucks during their busy day.





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Lindsay Yates and Michael Mount with their



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Jazz Quintet Rehearsal: Eddie Barhash and Sam Owens

To whom it may concern:

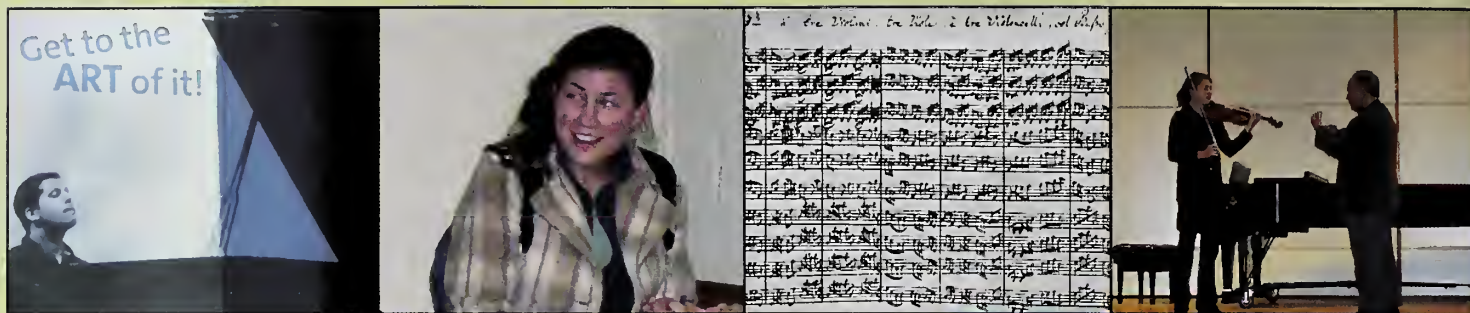
Music fills me up inside. Not that I'm empty. Just that when I'm playing or watching a concert I feel ripples inside me that make me feel liquid and fuzzy, as though I'm spilling out of my edges. How can people experience music and not want to immerse themselves in it as completely as possible? I lost my heart the day I first heard a piano quintet.

-Amy Anderson



Post-Concert Euphoria: Brian Fidali, Steve Taglia, Owen Broder, and Michael Feller





# NCSA Symphony



Caroline Beck, a second year cellist, begins to play during the intensity of the performance.

After serving on the NCSA faculty since 1989, Maestro Zehnacker presented a farewell concert in honor of his generous pedagogical contributions to the NCSA Symphony Orchestra. The program consisted of his favorite Romantic compositions, including Verdi's "Overture to La Forza del Destino", the prelude to Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde", the Adagio from Mahler's "Unfinished Symphony No. 10", and the "Dance of the Seven Veils" from Strauss' Salome. NCSA's Chancellor and previous director of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, John Maurceri, conducted a reading orchestra with the Symphony while a conductor search began.



Brian Fidali attentively awaits Maestro Zehnacker's cue to begin his percussion solo.

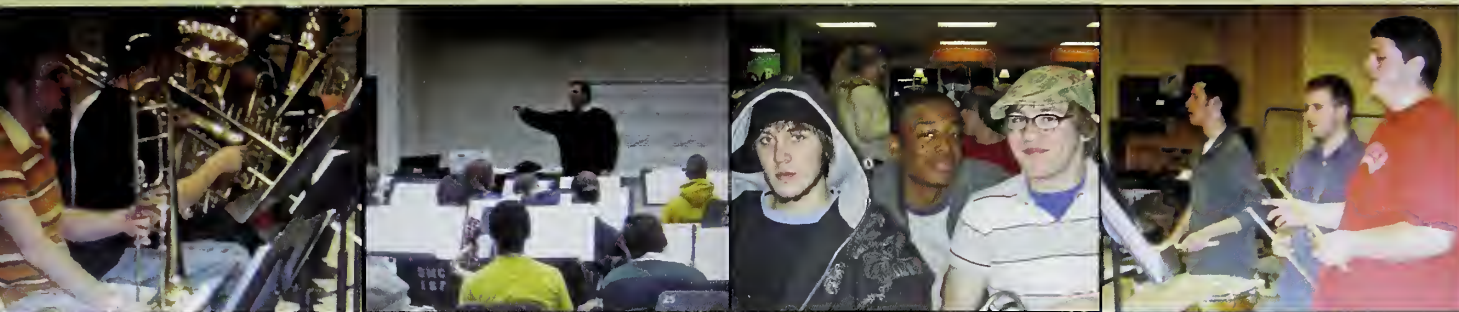


The NCSA Symphony prepares for the concert.



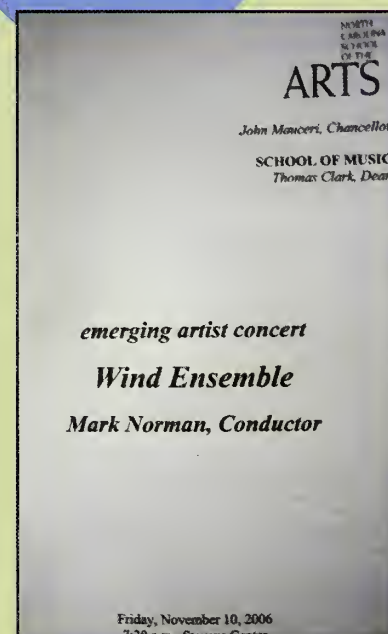
John Pratt begins warming up before the concert starts.





# Wind Ensemble

Where can you find some of the campus' greatest brass, wind, and percussion talents? At the NCSA Wind Ensemble of course! With the direction of conductor Mark Norman, students of all ages come together to rehearse and ultimately show their hard work in performance. So keep an eye and an ear out for these talented students. The Wind Ensemble always succeeds in blowing the audience out of their seats.



Liz Brashier and Michael Dwinell take a break during a strenuous Wind Ensemble rehearsal.



Michael Feller, Zach Bowers, Saul Green, and Nate Gladding grab some dinner before they head off to practice.



Zach Bowers and John Hill practice their percussion instruments.





# Practice, Practice, Practice



Katherine Mount gets ready to practice.

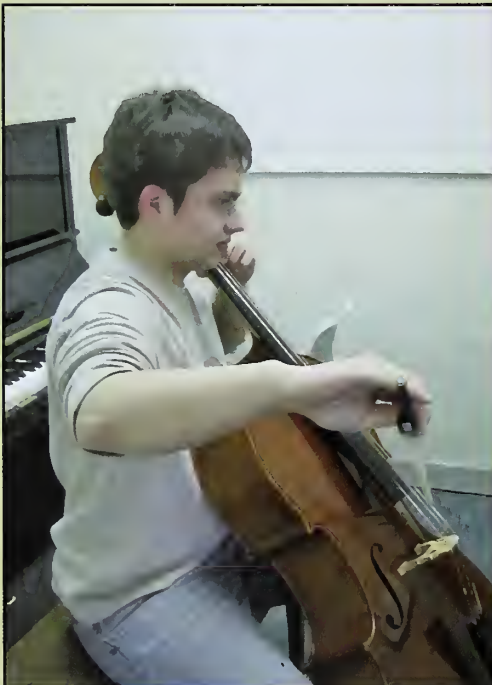
The practice room: a place of frustration and misery, or, on a good day, a place of hard-earned success and musical achievement. Musicians spend lots of time in The Tunnel or The Maze, locked in a little white room with a metronome. It's not exactly fun, but it definitely pays off in the end, because how else do you get to Carnegie Hall?



Allison Bates puts her clarinet away after rehearsal.



Owen Broder practices saxophone.



Ryan Karrigan practices cello in The Maze.



Carlie Herron works hard at the piano.





# Performance Hour



Dean Clark and guest artist Steve Houghton clean after Performance Hour.

Every Wednesday at 2:00, every single NCSA musician goes to Crawford Hall for Performance Hour, where they are welcomed enthusiastically by Dr. Winkelman. Different musicians perform weekly, from solo sonatas and concertos to piano quintets and saxophone ensembles. "Perf Hour" is an opportunity to practice performing; and a great way to rehearse for concerts and auditions. The audience gives a warm welcome to every performer and gives a standing ovation at the end of each performance.



Laura Kaufman, Jessica Kunttu and Megan McInnes are happy after a successful performance.



Students exit Crawford Hall and mingle in the lobby after another lovely Performance Hour.



Dr. Winkelman greets the students with a smile when he shares the music announcements before Performance Hour.



Jacob Franklin exits Performance Hour pumped for his next music class.





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1. Charles Heide and his 11th Semester students are using the stress they feel inside because their image is not the same.

2. The students are creating a new art piece as a way to express their feelings and a part of their identity.

3. A student enters into the world of visual arts and finds a new way to speak for itself.

4. Amy Norman enjoys her time in the art room and scrolls around the exhibit.

5. A huge part of visual arts is observing and creating. We observe images as a way to further their understanding of the world.

6. First year VAs take time for a silly shot at the beginning of the year.

7. Second year VAs return with smiles.



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At North Carolina School of the Arts, being a visual artist means doing what you absolutely love almost every free second of your day. It can be extremely stressful, and if each of us got 10 dollars for every all-nighter we've pulled finishing projects, we'd all be millionaires. But that is why we are here, because it is worth it. Through the visual arts, we are able to express our opinions and ideas to the public in a very eye-catching and effective way. We are learning not only how to improve our drawing, design, and sculpting skills, but how to incorporate each of our personalities, beliefs, and ideologies into every project we do. We have also learned that art is not about what we do, but how we do it. One of the most important things about visual arts is that it allows you to develop your own original style in the way we paint, draw, design, and sculpt, which reflects the style in which we think and perceive life. Even though we are the only non-performing art at this school, our art "performs" its purpose until the end of time, continuing our existence as artists as long as our work continues within society.



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To whom it may concern,

What makes me me is the fact that in a lot of other schools people have the potential to be overlooked or forgotten but that's kind of impossible here. ~~The~~ Between your arts teachers, academic teachers, classmates & friends being around you all the time, it's so insanely hard to fake who ~~you~~ I truly ~~am~~ that I just ~~be~~ be what I am - or am what I be - you know what I mean.

-Anna McKinley







# Parents Weekend Gallery



A wonderful piece of artwork by one of the first year visual artists is displayed in the gallery.

Anxiety builds as Visual Artists prepare to have their first exhibit of the school year. They run about frantically from the studio to academics and stay up hours on end. Their final products are worth all the sleepless nights they have endured because they produce magnificent works of art. While first-year students are anxious because their work will be judged for the first time at NCSA, second year students must complete the grueling and difficult task of completing a self-portrait. This portrait must portray them making different facial expressions. But in the end, the works are a success and their hard work is displayed for students, parents and faculty to admire and praise.



These are some of the self-portraits that the second year visual artists showed in the exhibit.



Miranda Pfeiffer works on a piece to go in the exhibit.



An overall view of the gallery is captured before the show is taken down.



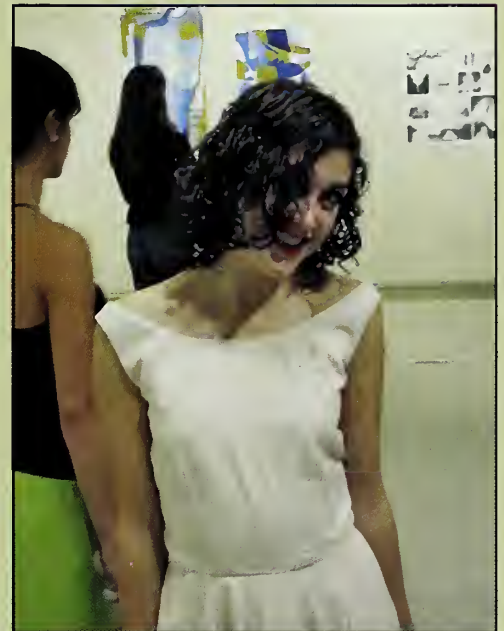


# VA 2 Intensive Arts Exhibit

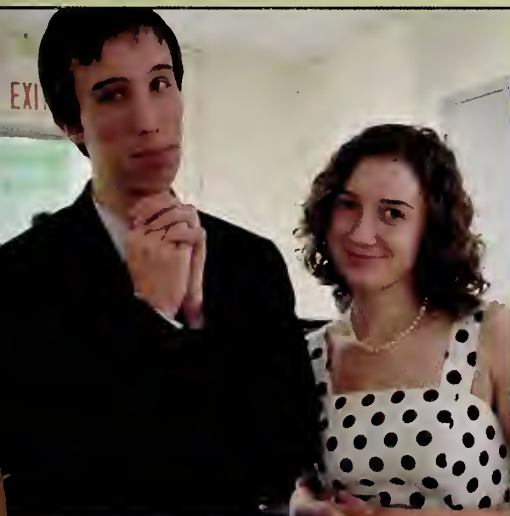


VA 2's Lea Griggs, Miranda Pfeiffer, Dae Boskovich, Tommi Price, Courtney Young, and Clair Clayton celebrate as they finish preparing for the exhibit.

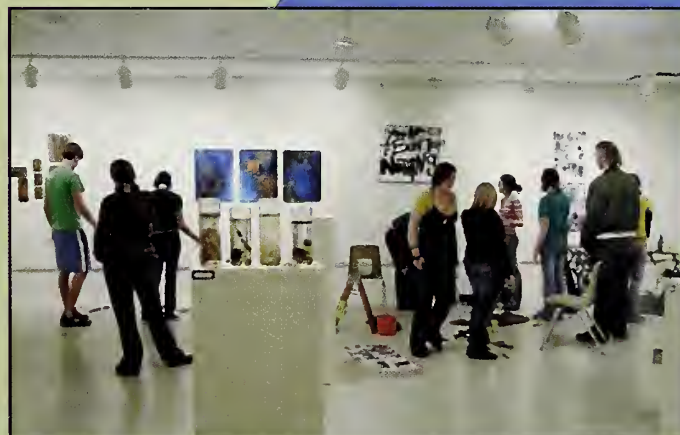
During the first week of Intensive Arts the VA 2's worked independently on specific pieces due at the end of term. Late nights and large cups of coffee kept the kids running during this difficult time. These students spent much of the time slaving over their fantastic works of art. The exhibit was a great success, due to the hard work of the students. Grace Reeves said "Once I stepped into the exhibit, I felt as though I was stepping into the artist's minds, seeing the world through a new perspective."



Dae Boskovich smiles for the camera as she takes pride in the fantastic art around her.



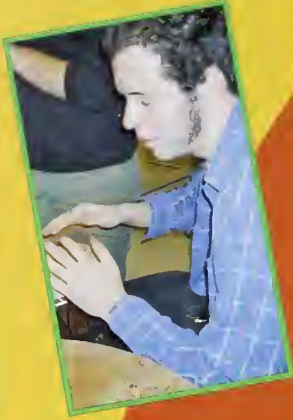
Austin Vaughn contemplates the beauty around him while Brooke Robbins explains it to him.



The students got together before the opening to set up their work.



# People



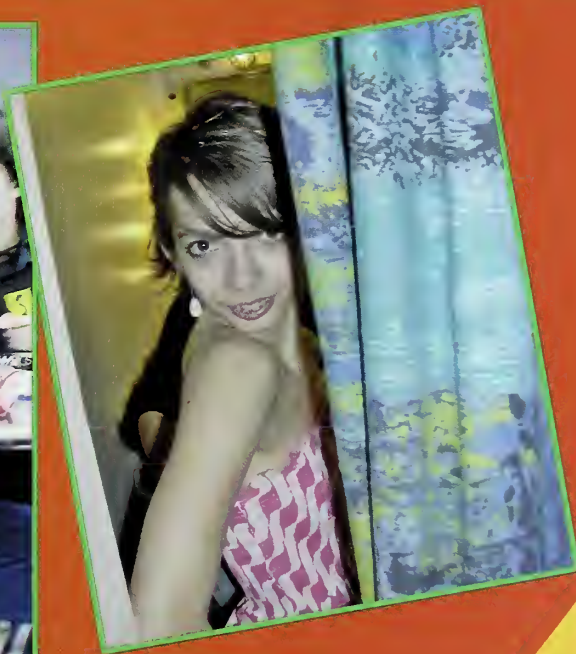




To Whom it May Concern,

Here @ NCSA we are given so many opportunities that aren't available anywhere else, but it is the lasting connections with the other students that will make this school so unforgettable.

- Wendell Wood





# Academic Faculty & Staff

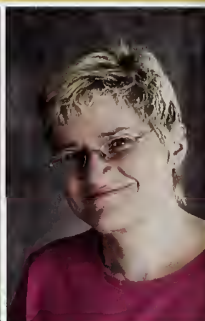
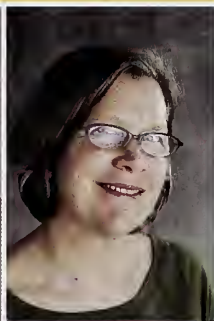
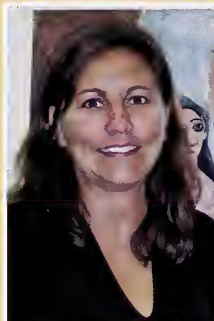


Mrs. Coyle and Ms. Lane dress like twins for Twin Day of Spirit Week.

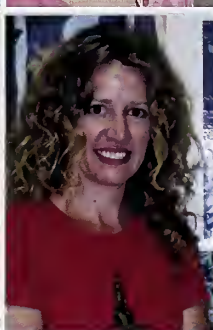


Dr. Andrews snuggles up with two of her physics students, Kelly Bolick and Margaret Summers, after a long day in the lab.

Sherri Andrews, Science  
Doug Bohannon, English  
Wanda Coyle, Mathematics  
Inez Davis, Mathematics  
Martha Golden, French



Philip Haigh, English  
Todd Hoover, Attendance Clerk  
Elizabeth Klaimon-Sklenar, ESL  
Jill Lane, Assoc. VC for HS Academics  
Denise Lewis, Learning Specialist



Raquel Maqueda-Jimenez, Spanish  
Jonathan Milner, Social Studies  
Linda Moore, Science  
Jeff Morgan, Director of HS Academics  
Lynda Moss, Social Studies







Paul Pfefferkorn, Social Studies  
Cathy Pighini, Administrative  
Manager  
Adrienne Pilon, English  
Jeremy Reiskind, Science  
Ken Sloop, Mathematics



Nancy Streblow, English  
Beth Thompson, English  
Chenetta West, HS Guidance  
Counselor  
Sylvia White, HS Secretary  
Brooke Whitworth, Science



Thomas Wilson, Mathematics  
Allison Yokeley, Mathematics



Ms. Golden lends her expertise to Stephen Troncale after class. Academic  
Faculty are always willing to help us out!



Mr. Morgan freaks out when he realizes he messed up everyone's schedule and  
gave everyone just one class. Glad he fixed that one before school started!



# Arts Faculty



Mr. Smith perfects the Party Scene during a Nutcracker Rehearsal.



Ms. Spizzo shows her skills on Halloween.

## Dance

Top Row: (from left to right) Susan McCullough, Frank Smith, Brenda Daniels, Fanchon Cordell, Kee-Juan Han, Christine Spizzo, Lynne Messick.

Bottom Row: (from left to right) Nina Danilova, Dianne Markham, Warren Conover, Sean Sullivan



## Drama

Top Row: (from left to right) Dale Girard, Mary Irwin, Matt Bulluck, Bob France Sconi, Geordie MacMinn, Greg Walter, Jeff Lewis, Robert Beseda

Bottom Row: (from left to right) Ben Furey, Mollie Murray, Gerald Freedman, Kelly Maxner







Music teachers relax after a long day.



Brenda Daniels and Dianne Markham hang out with students in Fall Dance.



## Music

Music Faculty: (in alphabetical order) John Beck, Karen Bares, Sheila Browne, Tadeu Coelho, Lawrence Dillon, Micheal Dodds, John Ellis, John Ferri, Kenneth Frazelle, Allison Gagnon, Paul Gillies, Joseph Genualdi, Sarah Johnson, Gerald Klickstein, Steven LaCrosse, Eric Larsen, Kevin Lawrence, Clifton Matthews, John Mitchener, Joseph Pecoraro, Lynn Peters, Matt Ransom, Robert Rocco, Micheal Rothkopf, Ronald Rudkin, Judith Saxton, Taimur Sullivan, Marilyn Taylor, David Winkelman



## Visual Arts

Greg Shelnutt, Pamela C Griffin, Will Taylor



# Residence Life

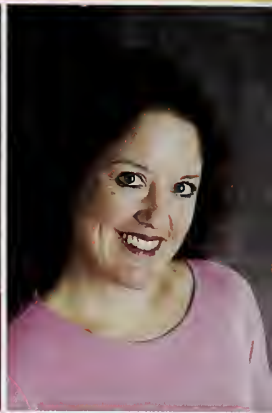
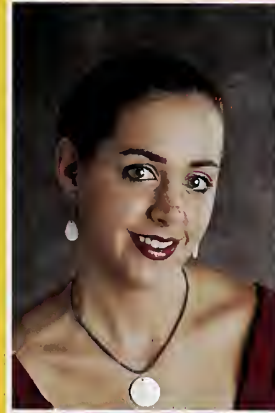


"Don't Look!", Andrea sets the top-secret door alarm.



Ryan lets out some frustration when the front desk gets crazy.

Samantha Driver,  
Residence Hall Counselor  
Jennifer Gaddis,  
Associate Director of  
HS Life



Nakita Green,  
Administrative Assistant  
Marcus Kearsey,  
Residence Hall Counselor



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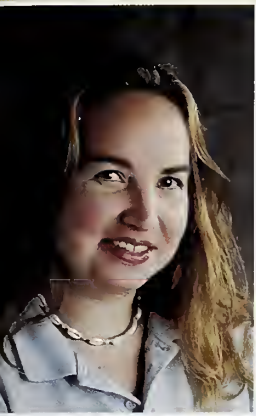


J.J. Watts,  
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Andrea Weatherman,  
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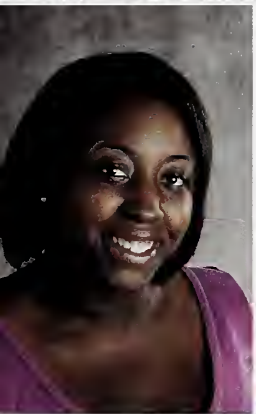
# Student Activities



Christine Bohannon-Jones,  
Assistant Fitness Manager  
Sherri Campbell,  
Transportation Coordinator



Amanda Feeser,  
Assistant Director of  
Student Activities  
Lisa Lambert,  
Transportation Coordinator



Sandy Marshall,  
Administrative Assistant  
Lauren Whitaker,  
Director of Student  
Activities



Anne White,  
Vice Chancellor



Sandy...she's got all the answers and she works  
hard ALL day long!



Will Jacobs, the Master Mind behind the  
One-Card office.



# Staff Around Campus

## Campus Store

The Campus Store is easy to find your way around, thanks to Ken Hull, Genell Hartman, and April Moore.



## Mailroom Staff

Thank you Brian Thompson and Stephen Cochrane, for all your hard work making sure students get their mail.

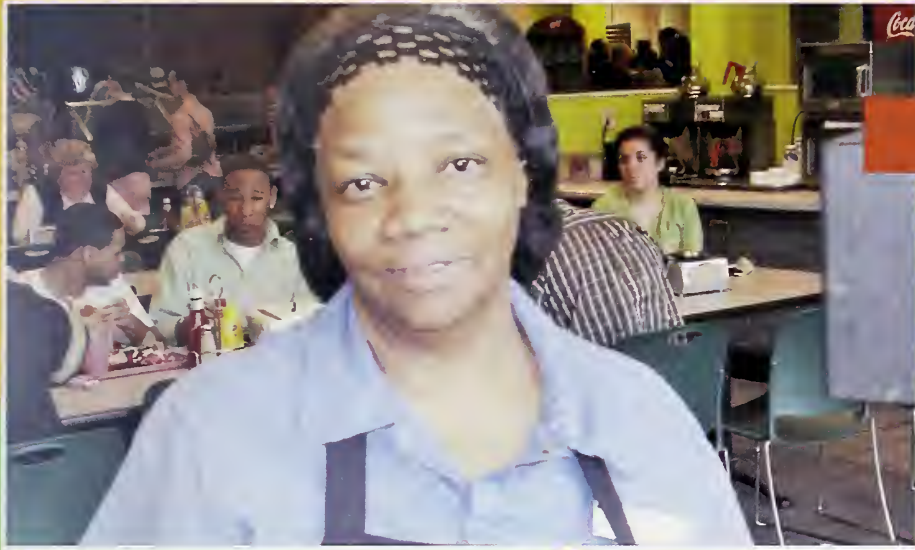


## Campus Police

Big Thanks to Campus Police for keeping us safe!







## Cafeteria Staff

Miss Maggie is one of the many Cafeteria Staff members that help get food to us.



## Pickle Jar Staff

These are the people who help keeps the Pickle Jar running smooth!



## Cleaning Staff

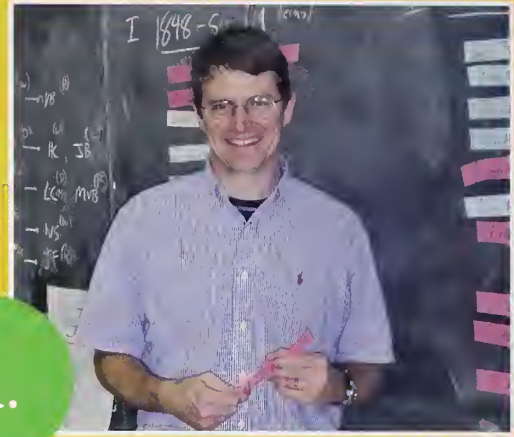
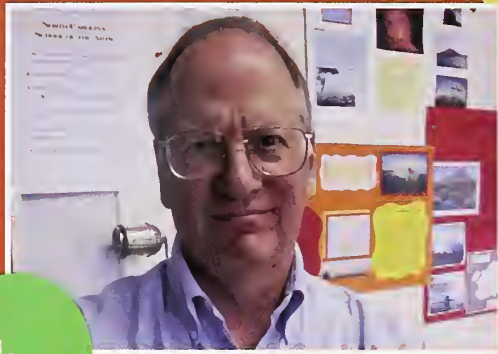
BJ keeps the dorms sparkling clean for all the students and Residence Life staff.



# Faculty & Staff Trivia

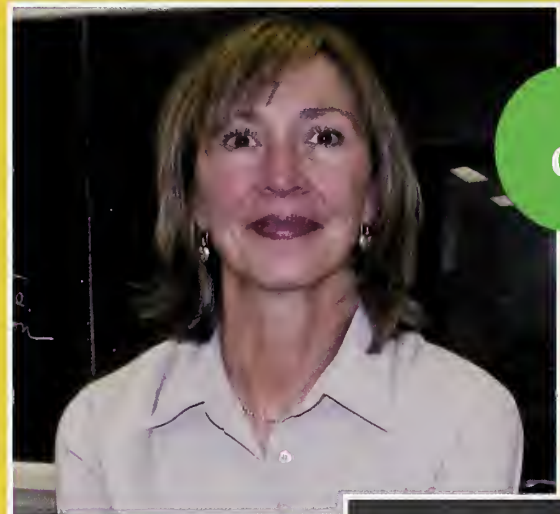
**Match each person with a clue...then see if you guessed right!**

1. Who dated a famous baseball player?

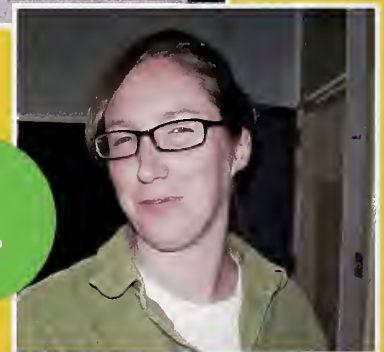
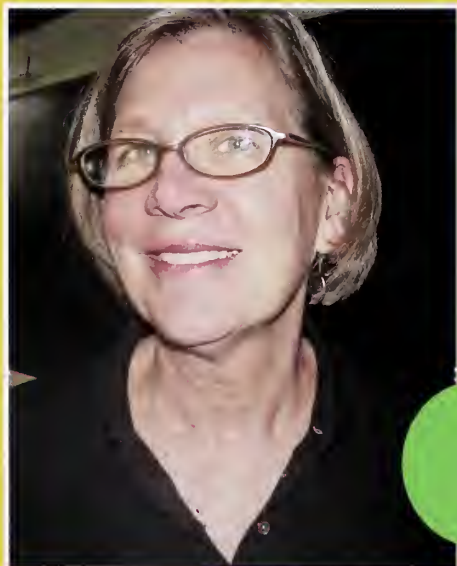


2. Who used to be able to do back handsprings... and can still do front handsprings?

3. Who has never been drunk?



4. As a child who wanted to be a professional dancer and a large-animal veterinarian when they grew up?



5. Who graduated with the Academic Athlete Award and was a member of the Latin Honors Society?



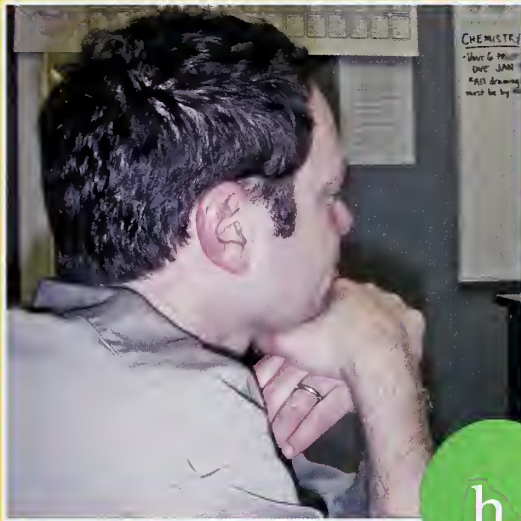
6. Who's husband's first wife was in their A.P. US History class in High School?

g.



f.

7. Who's eye color and hair color are the same?



h.

8. Who got caught making out underneath the bleachers in high school?



i.

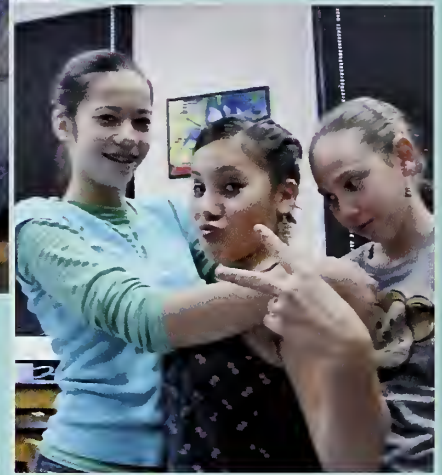
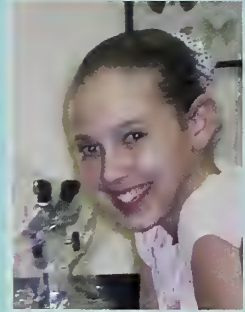
9. Who worked as a Rescue Ranger character at Disney World?

j.



10. Who's Junior prom date eventually played a puppet on Mr. Rogers?





Sarah Berube, Kayleigh Danowski, Courtney Diaz, and Kiera James work on their contracts for Mr. Han's ballet class.

Sarah Berube, Kayleigh Danowski, Courtney Diaz, Kiera James, and Delaney Wing pause for a picture during science class.

Sarah Berube shows her pearly whites for the camera!

Eighth graders can always find time for a giggle during class!

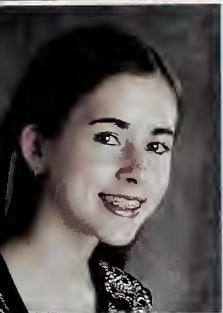
Sarah Berube and Kiera James enjoy a performance in DeMille.

# Eighth Grade





Sarah Berube



Kayleigh Danowski



Courtney Diaz



Kiera James



Delaney Wing



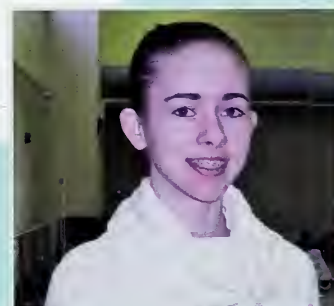
Delaney Wing, Courtney Diaz, and Kayleigh Danowski chill during the Emerging intermission.



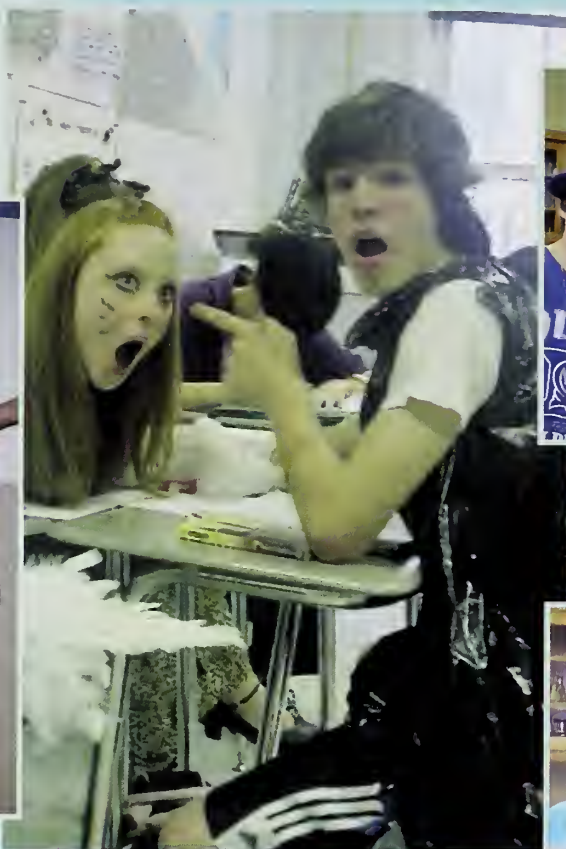
Courtney Diaz, Kiera James, Sarah Berube, and Kayleigh Danowski stretch before ballet class.

To whom it may concern:  
 I'm Kayleigh Danowski. I love ballet, I don't know what I would do without it! There are only 5 eighth graders and they are my best friends in the wide world! They are Sarah, Courtney, Delaney, and Kiera.

Kayleigh Danowski







"Jessica did it! It wasn't me!"  
Cody says when the teacher  
calls him out.

Jerry Wyatt, Alex Hughes,  
Christian Gray and Sara  
Havener gather in a group  
bonding activity during  
science class.

Claire Kretschmar, Sara  
Havener and Emily Wolfe  
jump for joy to be at North  
Carolina School of the  
Arts.

# Freshmen

Alexandra Hughes,  
Chelsea Robicheau, Sara  
Seger, Shelly Zeiser, Alice  
Hong all pose for a group  
photo.

Zoe Lewis and Jacob  
Stainback pose for a quick  
headshot.





Jessica Barringer  
Alyssa Disantis  
Colin Fullerton  
Christian Gray  
Sara Havener  
Cody Hayman

Carlie Herron  
Jacob Hester-Heard  
Alice Hong  
Alexandra Hughes  
Alixandra Kish  
Claire Kretzschmar

Orin Laursen  
Zoe Lewis  
Obadja Ludwig  
Kalie Nattinger  
Alexandra Orenstein  
Chelsea Robicheau

Sara Seger  
Jacob Stainback  
Emily Wolfe  
Jerry Wyatt Jr.  
Shelly Zeiser



To Whom it may concern,

This year has been a long journey, throughout this journey I believe I have began to find myself. Being a freshman in high school and living away from home for the first time was hard for me at the beginning. But as the school halls filled and I saw familiar faces and met new amazing people I knew this year was going to be an adventure. Although my friends have helped me see myself for who I really am and I have come a long way I still have a lot of things to learn about myself in years to come.

Alex Orenstein





Corey Dundee and Katherine Mount pose for the camera in Ms. Whitworth's class.

Ashley Rogers and Bryony McCullough practice intense concentration during biology.

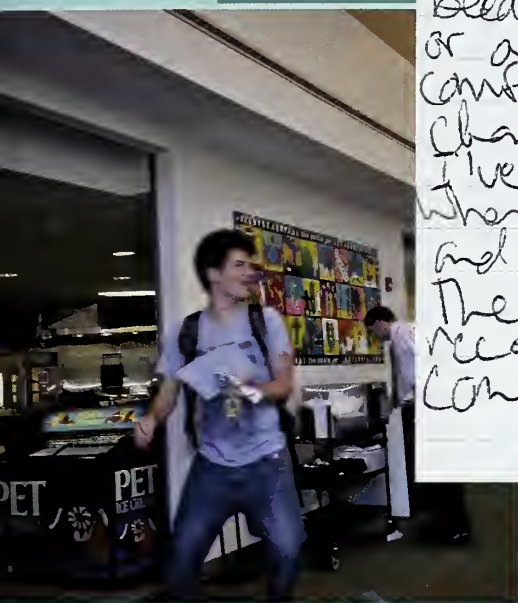
Nathaniel Darst dances through the dorms...he's got moves baby.

Aubrey Busek and Rachel Apple scream for joy...they go to NCSA!

Seve Foster enters the Connector after a long day at NCSA.

# Sophomores





To Whom it May Concern,

This year I discovered how to be comfortable with myself, which was necessary because I was expected to wear trants or a mitor everyday! Being more comfortable with myself had really changed the way I think. It's like I've created a filter in my brain where I am able to focus on fun tharts and send the bad ones into the trash. The tharts are still there but I can recognize they are just trash. That's come in handy.

- Ryan P



Alison Adnet  
Rachel Apple  
Emily Bannerman  
Cameryn Bevill  
Ashley Brown

Sara Bunemann  
Aubrey Busek  
Sloan Cobb  
Hannah Darrah  
Nathaniel Darst

Nathaniel Dickson  
Rebekah Downing  
Corey Dundee  
Amy Falls  
Seve Foster



Hillary Franklin  
Elizabeth Freeman



Paloma Garcia-Lee  
Sara Hauhuth



Annie Jeong  
Sterling King



Leah Lohneiss  
George Marshall



Bryony McCullough  
Katherine Mount



To whom it may concern,

My friends mean the world to me.  
This school owns.  
I am in love with life.  
WASABIIII!

Love,  
Sterling King



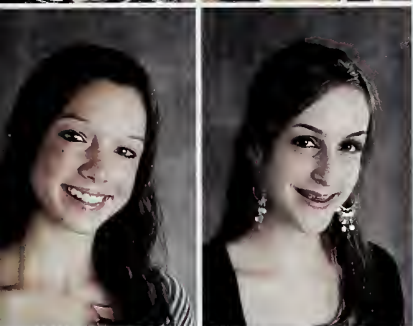




Ryan Page  
Kelly Porter



Lauren Redmon  
Ashley Rogers



Lauren Sherwood  
Sara Smith-Janssen



Austin Thomas  
Brittany Thornton



Anna Young

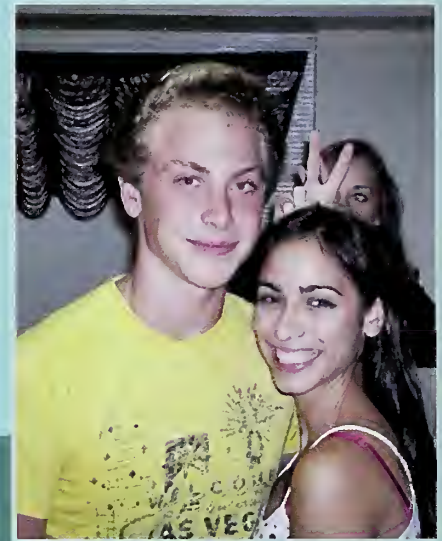


To Whom it may concern:

Even though I've just been here for a short time, NCSA has changed my life for the better. NCSA has helped me discover who I am as a person, who I'm hanging out with. It may sound cliche, but I've made friends here that I'll always remember. NCSA has also helped me discover that I really want to make ballet my career. It has helped me confirm my passion for dance.

-Amy Falls





John Pratt and  
Brittany Butler  
chill out in the Connector.

Sarah Bishop, Taya Ricker  
and Lydia McRae take a  
group shot during class.

Juniors huddle up in  
Ms. Davis' Pre-Cal class.

Jenna Riley and Amy  
Norman...the studious duo.

Brittany Bailey,  
Courtney Lopes and  
Ashley Hathaway  
spread the love.

# Juniors

Palmer Bradshaw and  
Barri DeFrancisci hangin'  
in the dorms...  
awww aren't they sweet?





Emily Acheson-Adams



Paige Adams



Angela Agresti



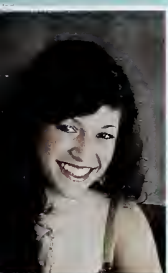
Amy Anderson



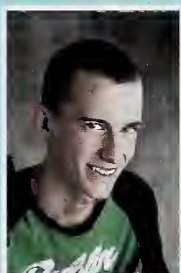
John Austin



Spencer Badesch



Brittany Bailey



Joel Ballard



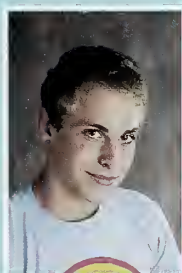
Sarah Bishop



Alison Block



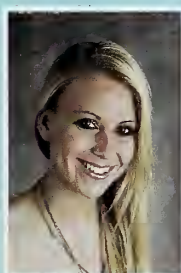
Cherie Boyer



Palmer Bradshaw



Owen Broder



Mikella Bryant

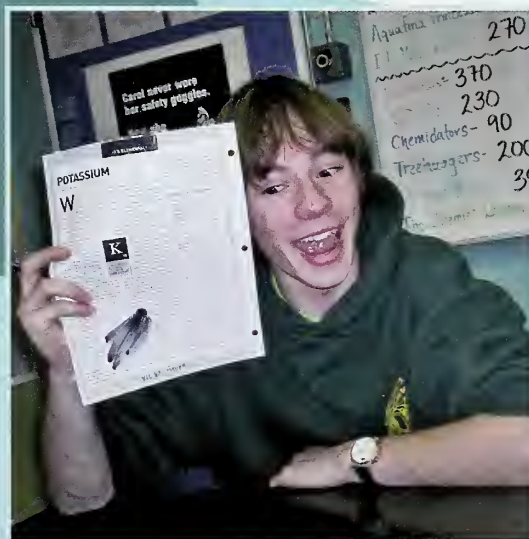


Edward Burke

To Whom It May Concern,

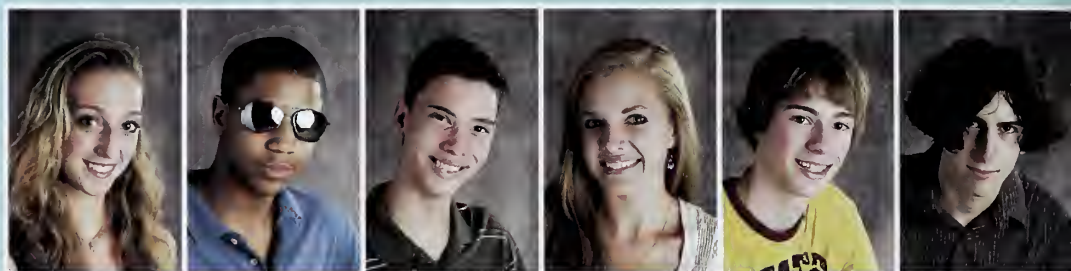
I am the way I am because of where I'm from, how I was raised, who my family members are, and who my friends are. All four of the reasons above make me act the way I do, therefore making me me.

*[Signature]*





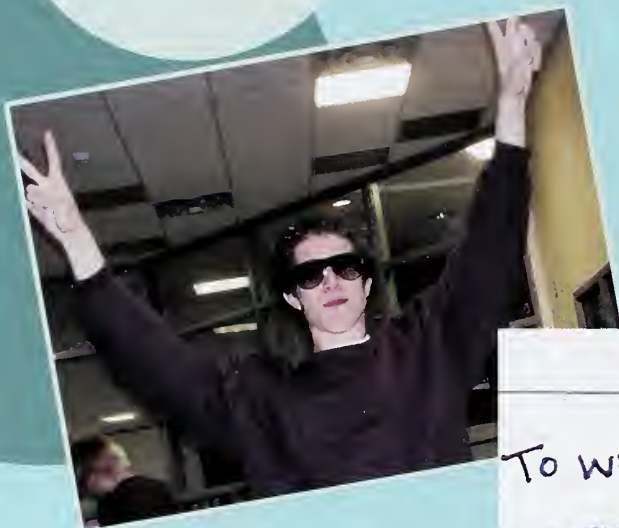
Brittany Butler  
Ra-Un Campbell  
Adam Chavis  
Christina Conlin  
Kyle Davis  
William Davis



Kaylin Davison  
Tyler Dease  
Barri DeFrancisci  
Erika DeSimone  
Kelsey Dickerson  
Mara Driscoll



Jocelyn Edwards  
Julia Eisen  
Samantha Friend  
Hope Gaines  
Lauren Gerber  
Christopher Greco



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

~~RECEIVED~~

~~TO ME,~~ CHANGE IS GROWTH, MONOTONY  
IS DEATH. I OWE MY LIFE TO <sup>ALL THE</sup> ~~MY~~ EXPERIENCES I'VE ~~ANY~~ EVER HAD.

AARON PENNINGTON



to whom it may concern:

what makes me who i am? well, really, all you need to remember is the THREE E'S: electrifying, eclectic, ephemeral.

so i guess those are the three words that have inspired me the most. But then again, i'm an artist.

Sarah Bishop



Brianna Gribben  
Corey Grunenberg  
Lauren Gunsch  
Christine Haag  
Justus Harris  
Ashley Hathaway

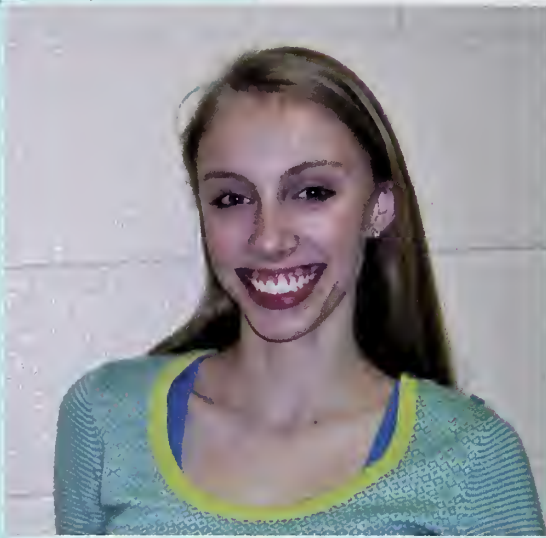
Heather Hillebrand  
Sarah Ingel  
Henry Jiang  
Meagan Jones  
Nikki Jones  
John Kossler

Jessica Kraft  
Cleo Ledet  
Kathleen Leigh  
Courtney Lopes  
Karelia Malin  
Lindsey Matheis



To whom it may concern:  
~~unemployed~~ I've lived in the same city,  
 and the same house, all of my life. I'm  
 ready to get out and go to a big city.  
 I'm the kind of person who will do something  
 unexpected ~~not~~ or stupid but I'm  
 just trying to find myself.

Ashley Hathaway



Robert Maynard  
 Anna McKinsey  
 Lydia McRae  
 Thomas McShane  
 Joanna Michelic  
 Jing Niu



Amy Norman  
 Russell Norman  
 Hima Pamarthi  
 Michael Pearce  
 Charles Peele  
 Christina Pemberton



Aaron Pennington  
 Alysha Perrin  
 Germaine Persinger  
 John Pratt  
 Lauren Pschirrer  
 Taylor Rayna







Hannah Reed  
Taya Ricker  
Jenna Riley  
Elizabeth Roach  
Alia Roberts  
Anna Schmoker

Wyatt Schwoerke  
Isaiah Simpson  
Christopher Sizemore  
Evan Sokol  
Annalise Stalls  
Kelley Stark

Nathalia Trogon  
Brian Waldrep  
Kyle Walker  
Kyle Yagle  
Jemeesa Yarborough  
Qiudi Zhang



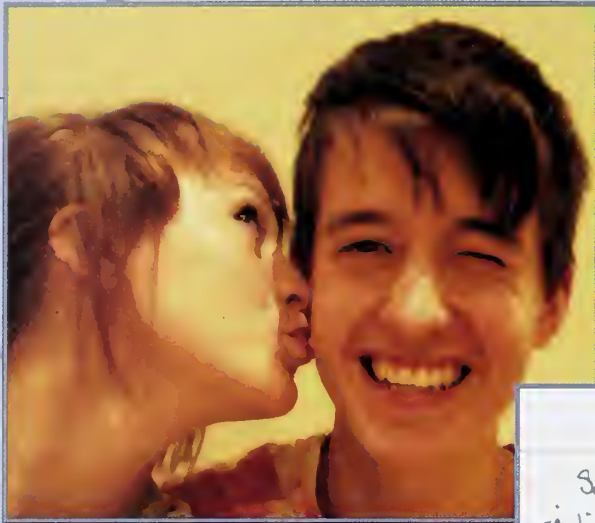
To Whom It May Concern,

Coming to North Carolina School of the arts has made me discover levels of myself and my technique that I never imagined would exist. Being pushed beyond my limits every day allows me to move forward in giant leaps rather than remaining stagnant in the murky waters of self defeat. The strength I've gained is unrecognizable through my face but pours itself out when I move through a room.

Christina Pemberton



# Seniors



## To Whom It May Concern

So, even after all the Cat A's, disgusting food and ridiculous rules, leaving NCSA is going to be the hardest thing we've done. Seeing as we have lived here for the past four years the friends we have made have become a second family. We never thought we would make it to senior year and in some part of our minds we're still not there. Even as we leave, the memories and experiences we've had will remain with us throughout our lives.

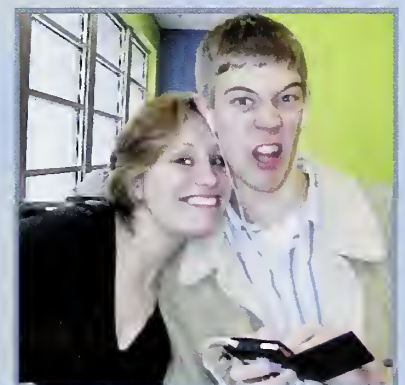
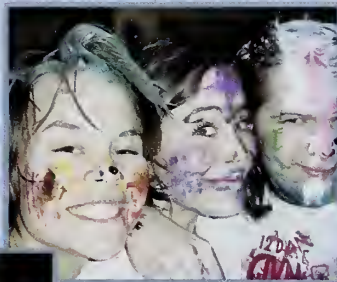
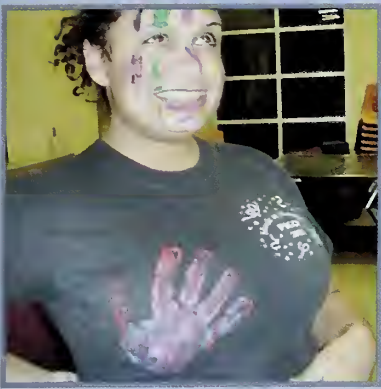
To all our crackers - life with out the herd will not be the same!

Love,

Brittany Strickland and Bette Sykes









# Senior Superlatives



"uhh see what had happened was.."  
 Biggest Procrastinators  
 Kendell Wood and Brian Gephart



Mr. and Ms. Pickle  
 Best All-Around  
 Grace Reeves and Evan Todd



Mr. and Mrs. Colgate  
 Best Smile  
 Crashonda Edwards and Gabe Brown



Most Likely to Appear on the  
 Cover of Vogue/GQ  
 Best Dressed  
 Grace Rennie and Michael Mount

Most Likely to get a Category "A"  
 Biggest Troublemakers  
 Lindsay Yates and  
 Caleb Lohneiss



Most Likely to Make You  
 Pee Your Pants  
 Funniest  
 Liz Brashier and Stephen Troncal





The Next Brangelina  
Best Couple  
Emily Nicolas and Sam Owens



Most Contagious Laughter  
Best Laugh  
Brittany Strickland and Michael Feller



One in a Million  
Most Unique  
Miranda Pfeiffer and Julian Jimachello



"I don't know how to tell you this,  
but I'm kind of a Big Deal..."  
Most Likely to Succeed  
Stefani Collins and Brian Fidali



"Oops I did it Again"  
Biggest Klutz  
Bette Sykes and Billy Morgan



Next Star of Their Own Reality TV Show  
Most Dramatic  
Sydney Vigotov and David Saunders





**Nathanael Absher**  
**Visual Arts**

Already at 16, my mind was a battle field; my love of pagan beauty, the male nude, at war with my religious faith, a polarity of themes and forms--one spiritual, the other earthly.

-Michelangelo

There shall be wings! If the accomplishment be not for me, 'tis for some other. -Leonardo da Vinci

I hope that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.

-Michelangelo

You do ill if you praise, but worse if you censure what you do not understand. -Leonardo da Vinci

If Michelangelo had been straight, the Sistine Chapel would have been wallpapered. -Kobin Tyler



**Amber Adams**  
**Contemporary**

To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child,  
a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier  
because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded.

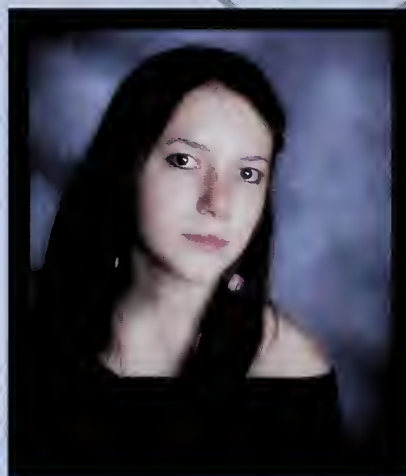
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Ian Adams**  
**Guitar**

I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put out all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms...

-Henry David Thoreau



**Virginia Arnette**  
**French Horn**

When all of this music sounds like you know what you want to say then it will have been of all worth ever. You will be something complete unto yourself, present and unique.

-Jeff Buckley

(When I hear music) the field of my life becomes a boundless plain, glorious to tread, with no death or disappointment at the end of it. I am related to the earliest times, and to the latest. In the light of (music) there is no thou or I.

We are actually lifted above ourselves.

-Henry David Thoreau



**Virginia Atkins**  
**Visual Arts**



**Edwin Barbash**  
**Saxophone**



All these years I've been opening the windows and making  
love to the world.  
-Kurt Vonnegut, Slaughter House Five

Would you take it from the Miles Davis Quintet?

**Allison Bates**  
**Clarinet**



Anyone who proposes to do good must not expect people to  
roll stones out of his way, but must accept his lot calmly if they  
even roll a few more upon it.  
-Albert Schweitzer

**Caroline Beck**  
**Cello**



Is it not strange that sheep's guts should  
hale souls out of men's bodies?  
-W. Shakespeare

You are the music while the music lasts.  
-T.S. Eliot

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Psalm 19:1

Did you eat paint chips as a kid?  
-Tommy Boy



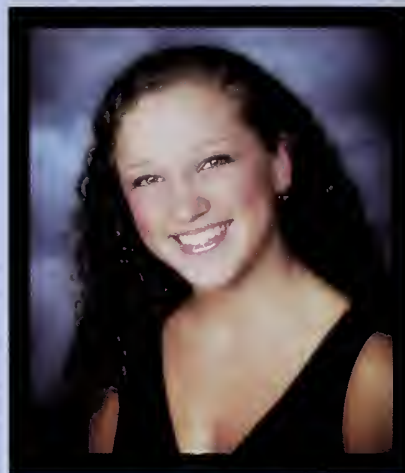


**Christina Benson**  
**Drama**

Those who are faithful know only the trivial side of Love:  
it is the faithless who know love's tragedies.

P.I.M.P

Guilt doesn't change the past;  
it distracts you from the future.



**Kelly Bolick**  
**Ballet**

There will be downs,  
There will be ups,  
But the best part about being down  
Is getting back up.  
-Ben Vereen



**Rachel Boone**  
**Contemporary**

To master the art of living, we draw no sharp distinction  
between work and play, labor and leisure  
mind and body, education and recreation.

We hardly know which is which.

We simply pursue our vision of excellence  
through whatever we are doing, and we leave others to  
determine, whether we are working or playing.

To ourselves, we always seem to be doing both.

-Anonymous

Be still and know that I am God... -Psalm 46:10  
You got to show up babies! You just got to show up.

-Ben Vereen

Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did,  
but backwards and in heels. -Anonymous



**Jonathan Borton**  
**Piano**

If it weren't for physics and law enforcement,  
I'd be unstoppable.

-Anonymous

Love is like war, easy to start but hard to end.

-Anonymous

Dream as if you'll live forever.  
Live as if you'll die today.

-James Dean

You only live once.  
-Jonathan "j bo" Borton



**Danelle Boskovich**  
**Visual Arts**



I hate the world...  
-Alexander Hamilton

**Zachary Bowers**  
**Percussion**



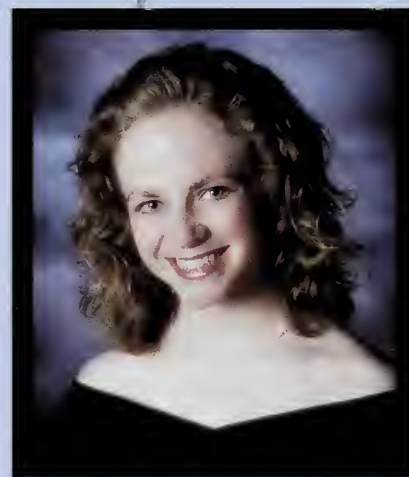
Deciding to leave my friends and family back home was probably the hardest decision of my life! But, after being here for only four weeks, I realized that I would have it no other way. To all of my friends, I thank you for being awesome and contributing to an amazing senior year! To everyone that I don't know, I just can't fathom why we have not met yet. Saul, you're a pimp! Leah, you brighten my days! Hope, I don't know what I would do without your sexy hugs! Christina, you're THE BEST! Everybody else: Love. Peace. and Afro Grease! -DO IT!

**Paulina Bracone**  
**Contemporary**



I am the luckiest.  
-Ben Folds

**Liz Brashier**  
**Oboe**



Hitch your wagon to a star.  
-Emerson





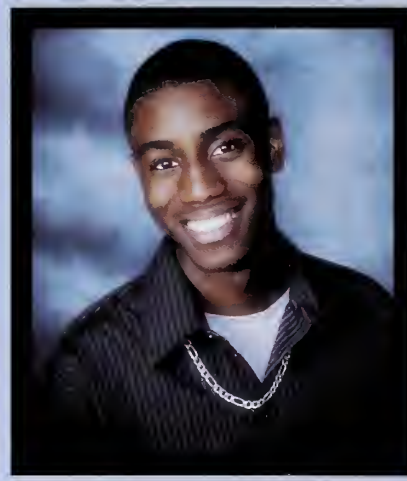
**Katherine Brock**  
Contemporary

I always tell the girls, never take it seriously, if ya never take it seriously, ya never get hurt, ya never get hurt, ya always have fun, and if you ever get lonely, just go to the record store and visit your friends.  
-Almost Famous

Today I'm handin' out lollipops and ass-whoopins... and I'm all outta lollipops.  
-Will & Grace

Bia Bia!!!

Raaer!!!



**Gabriel Brown**  
Drama

One of the most difficult lessons an actor has to learn is not to leave the fight in the gym.  
-Marlon Brando

The actor should be able to create the universe in the palm of his hand.  
-Sir Laurence Olivier



**Lauren Browning**  
Ballet

Where do we go nobody knows?  
I've gotta say I'm on my way down,  
God give me style and give me grace,  
God put a smile upon my face.  
-COLDPLAY

To my Len, my G, my Strick, my Queese, my Betra, my Kuhn, my Frashe, my Gweniss, my Sumnas, and my Kel

Most Kehzul, I love you forever.

Night Silly...

Night Silly...



**Blakeney Bullock**  
Contemporary

The imp, unaware of its own odor, paused to catch its breath...and promptly died.  
-Foul Imp



**Ashley Burger**  
Ballet



Life is a series of pulls back and forth. You want to do one thing, but you are bound to do something else. Something hurts you, yet you know it shouldn't. You take certain things for granted, even when you know you should never take anything for granted. A tension of opposites, like a pull on a rubber band. And most of us live somewhere in the middle. " ...So which side wins," I ask? Love wins. Love always wins.  
-Mitch Albom

**Mary Katherine Bushnell**  
Drama



We must overcome the notion that we must be regular... it robs you of the chance to be extraordinary and leads you to the mediocre.  
-Uta Hagen

**Vanessa Chumbley**  
Violin



Everything will be ok in the end, if it's not ok, it's not the end.

I love lamp... I love lamp!  
-Anchorman

To all the people who made my time here worth it: Leight, Sarah, Meg, Alison, Oliver, Caroline, Savannah, and Summer, I love you!

I can't say why a soft melody's mystique always awakens the deepest, most hidden parts of me or why sometimes when you're cornered, pinned down, surrounded with no chance you still feel like everything in this world is beautiful and you are right where you're supposed to be.

**Jessica Cipriano**  
Ballet



Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.

Life only avails, not the having lived.

What we may have most in common is what we keep hidden.

We are afraid of truth, afraid of fortune, afraid of death, and afraid of each other.

Wishing is wasting time.

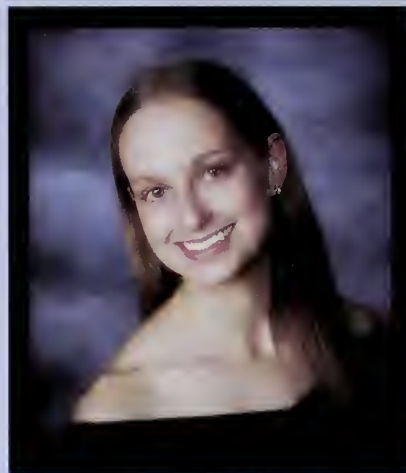
I want to stand as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you can see all kinds of things you can't see from the center.





**Richard Clark**  
**Voice**

Later, in the hall of justi...Greek Theatrical Productions  
unlimited...Spiderman found his web-slinging powers  
useless, in the desert.



**Emily Cloyd**  
**Ballet**

The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.'  
One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity.

In a crisis, be aware of the danger-  
but recognize the opportunity.

-John F. Kennedy



**Stefani Collins**  
**Violin**

Where words fail, music speaks.

-Hans Christian Andersen

I can only think of music as something inherent in every  
human being-a birthright.

Music coordinates the mind, body, and spirit.

-Yehudi Menuhin

Music is the divine way to tell beautiful,  
poetic things to the heart.

-Pablo Casals



**Garrett Conley**  
**Tuba**

A soldier will fight long and hard for a piece of colored ribbon.



**David Connor  
Bass**



**John Crowley  
Trumpet**



Welcome to the wonderful world of dishwashing!  
Steve, Eddy, Sam, Justin; The chipmunks. It's been real  
playing with you guys, this ain't the end! I'm feeling a  
reunion...In Europe. Shout out to my physics group! Ya'll are  
the bomb! I can't forget the bass players, Rip and Darelle..lots  
of fun adventures. There's a lot of people who I'd just like to  
thank for making these past four years amazing and  
you know who you are.

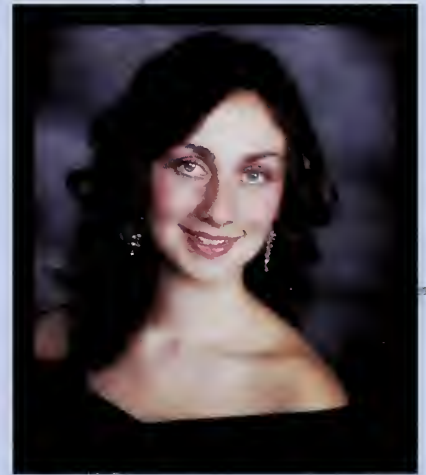
If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you.

Making the simple complicated is commonplace; making the  
complicated simple, awesomely simple, that's creativity.  
-Charles Mingus 1922-1979

**Erin Donnelley  
Voice**



**Haley Dreis  
Violin**



For as long you live and high you fly, the smiles you give and  
tears you cry, all you touch and all you see is  
all your life will ever be.  
-Roger Waters

Life is better brunette.

You've got to trust your instinct, and let go of regret.  
-311





**Michael Dwinell**  
**Oboe**

One doesn't have a sense of humor. It has you.

-Larry Gelbart

Just remember-wherever you go, there you are! -From a wealth of Norwegian wisdom imparted to me by my mother.

Hearing is believing, Music is deceiving-

Hard as lightning, soft as candlelight.

Dare you trust the Music of the Night?

-Andrew Lloyd Weber

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music. -Aldous Huxley

When our securities are shaken, we find that these remain: faith, hope, truth, and love- but the greatest of these is love.

-Michael Dwinell



**Crashonda Edwards**  
**Drama**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me  
Philippians' 4.13

A Bible verse I live through because without GOD nothing would or could be possible. Growing up I always felt there was something missing in life, I was never full but when I found the art of theater my empty spot was filled. I am now entering another level in life and I feel no fear. Because of my parents, Craig, and Marie Edwards, I will and can conquer any obstacle that comes my way.

I thank God for blessing me with people that inspire me, intrigue me and support me for they know not what they have done for me but what they have seen in me.



**Rachael Elliott**  
**Ballet**

Imagine one day struck out of your life, and think how different its course would have been. Pause you who reads this, and think for a moment of the long chain of iron or gold, of thorns and flowers, that would never have bound you, but for the formation of the first link on one memorable day.

-Charles Dickens



**Michael Feller**  
**Trumpet**

Many people dream of becoming billionaires,  
but I dream of becoming an artist.

If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not bother trying to say it in music.

-Gustav Mahler

Blow your life through your horn.

-Arturo Sandoval



**Brian Fidali**  
**Percussion**



Even if I know I shall never change the masses, never  
transform anything permanent, all I ask is that the good things  
also have their place, their refuge.

-Richard Wagner

"Great!" -jrb

Thank you to all of you who made my four years at NCSA  
more than I could have ever wished for.

**Jason Fields**  
**Voice**



I celebrate myself, and sing myself  
And what I assume you shall assume,  
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.

-Walt Whitman

The atmosphere is not a perfume, it has no taste of the  
distillation, it is odorless, it is for my mouth forever,  
I am in love with it.

-Walt Whitman

To love another person is to see the face of God.

-Victor Hugo

**Melissa Fineman**  
**Violin**



In my opinion, we don't devote nearly enough scientific  
research to finding a cure for jerks.

-Calvin and Hobbs

That CAN'T be the self-destruct button. If it was, they  
wouldn't leave it lying around where just anyone could  
push it!

-famous last words

**Katherine  
Folckomer**  
**Contemporary**



There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is  
translated through you into an action of dance. And because  
there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique.

If you block it, it will never exist through  
any other person and will be lost.

-Martha Graham





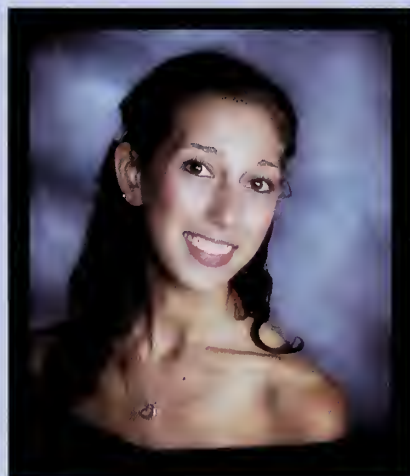
**Kaitlin Frankenfield**  
Ballet

And in that moment, I swear we were inFinite.  
-Stephen Chobosky



**Jacob Franklin**  
Guitar

How vain is it to write when you have not stood up to live?  
-Henry David Thoreau



**Brittany Fraser**  
Ballet

And you can't fight the tears that ain't coming  
Or the moment of truth in your lies  
When everything feels like the movies  
Yeah you bleed just to know you're alive  
And I don't want the world to see me  
'Cause I don't think that they'd understand  
When everything's made to be broken  
I just want you to know who I am.  
-The Goo Goo Dolls

To my friends:  
Some people come into our lives quickly and go. Some stay for  
a while and leave footprints on our hearts  
and are never ever the same.  
-Anonymous



**Brian Gephart**  
Ballet

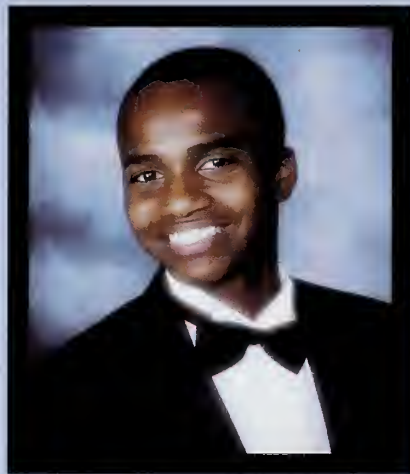
The past is a ghost, the future a dream,  
and all we ever have is now.  
-Bill Cosby

Don't cry because it's over,  
smile because it happened.  
-Dr. Seuss

Hey, do you want to get naked...



**Sedrick Gillespie**  
**Ballet**



Be you, and do what you do!!  
 You only live once...

**Nathaniel Gladding**  
**Oboe**



Don't seize the day, seize the building.  
 If you seize the building, the day tends to take care of itself.  
 - Timothy Tyson

I don't have a photograph, but you can have my footprints.  
 They're upstairs in my socks.  
 -Groucho Marx

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.  
 -Groucho Marx

**Zachary Gonzales**  
**Guitar**



You can't write a chord ugly enough to say what you want to  
 say sometimes, so you have to rely  
 on a giraffe fined with whipped cream...  
 -Frank Zappa

**Naomi Goodson**  
**Contemporary**



There are substitutes for almost everything except  
 for hard work.

Some people move too soon,  
 Some people move too late,  
 Some fail to look before they leap.

Present Yourself-  
 as though you were a gift.





**Saul Green**  
**Percussion**

Griggs- WWGD!!! You Screen watching \*\*

Taglia- Is Hot

I love you Dave!!!

Zach and Austin Rule

Mark, Rhodes, Bobby, Joe, Bowden, Drepster, Cory, and Jon

Deans : Sup Bradah

Its getting harder and harder to breathe. -Anne Frank

Shout out to boys in the Jew Unit: Ryan, Sam, Eddie, Troncale,

Owen, Fidali, Orin, Mike, and Evan

Give Thug Love to my boys who don't like to pay for stuff:

Gephart and Spencer

Challah at my girls Yo: Gwen, Sumner, Ellie, Fraser, and Kate



**Lea Griggs**  
**Visual Arts**

If you're going to be stupid, be smart about it.

What I give form to in daylight is only one percent of what I  
have seen in darkness -Escher

There is only one difference between a madman and me.

I am not mad. -Dali

If there were no rewards to reap no loving embrace to see me  
through this tedious path I have chosen here, I certainly

would have walked away by now. -Maynard

Living in Hawaii is good. I'm glad it happened. -Mark Tucker

(Stupid Hawaiian)

WWGD -Saul Green

Smee schmuck, or just Smee. -Will Griggs (Willbro)

To my boys especially Big Man, much love.



**Savannah**  
**Praytor Guest**  
**Violin**

Life isn't about the amount of breaths you take, its about the  
moments that take your breath away.

Thank you to my parents for believing in dreams, for believing  
in music and believing in me. To my teachers thus far, for  
their encouragement and wisdom. To my friends for keeping  
me laughing. To this precious place I've been privileged to be  
a part of and to my sister Charlotte, my best friend, my fan  
club, my shoulder to cry on. I love you.

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.  
Philippians 4:13



**Bailey Hamrick**  
**Drama**

Now we will not be forgotten

Or swallowed up in darkness.

They'll tell our story one day.

Years after we are dead

They will still think of us

And perhaps sing songs about us...

-From Euripides "Trojan Women"



**Kathryn Hanzalik**  
**Visual Arts**



And this I believe: that the free, exploring mind of the individual human is the most valuable thing in the world. And this I would fight for: the freedom of the mind to take any direction it wishes, undirected. And this I must fight against: any idea, religion, or government which limits or destroys the individual...I hate it and I will fight against it to preserve the one thing that separates us from the uncreative beasts.

If the glory can be killed, we are lost.

-John Steinbeck, East of Eden

**Payton Harkins**  
**Guitar**



I... will show you!  
-Necati

**Sarah Hartman**  
**Drama**



In order to be irreplaceable, one must always be different.

**Summer Hassan**  
**Voice**



Music...gives wings to the mind, flight to the imagination...  
and life to everything.  
-Plato

All that I am, all that I ever was is here in your perfect eyes  
and they're all I can see.  
-Snow Patrol





**Logan Hasson**  
**Violin**

No one ever went broke underestimating the taste of the American public.

-H.L. Mencken

I would've if I could've, But I shouldn't so I didn't.

-Ogden Nash

I'm completely in favor of the separation of Church and State. My idea is that these two institutions screw us up enough on their own, so both of them together is certain death.

The very existence of flamethrowers proves that some time, somewhere, someone said to themselves, "You know, I want to set those people over there on fire, but I'm just not close enough to get the job done." -George Carlin



**Kaitlyn Hayes**  
**Contemporary**

Thank you everyone who has been there for me. My three fellow senior M2s...we have been through so much, but we made it together. I love my close friends and family, and anyone else that I am leaving out. The faculty, dance teachers, academic teachers, and High School life...you have done so much for me. I can't even begin to describe how much I appreciate it. You have watched me grow through the years and assisted me on my journey. I thank you.

Have an awesome next year everyone!

Just because I'm a dense airhead, doesn't mean I am dumb!

-Kaitlyn Hayes



**David Hill**  
**Bassoon**

You are not here merely to make a living.  
You are here to enable the world to live more amply,  
with greater vision,  
and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement.

You are here to enrich the world.

You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.

-Woodrow Wilson



**John Hill**  
**Percussion**

If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.

-George S. Patton



**Julian Hinshaw**  
**Tuba**



Ohm Nama Shivaya

Ohm Kem Kam, phat!  
Pranakrasi Pranakrasi  
Hoom Phat!

Ohm Nama Shivaya

**Kasey Horton**  
**Viola**



I live and DIE in 3/4 Time...  
But I love Leigh Wallenhaupt more.

**Abigail Howard**  
**Piano**



Let me live, love and say it well in good sentences.  
- Sylvia Plath

From Shakespeare and Swift I learned to write,  
but from Mozart I got my ideas.  
- George Bernard Shaw

Masterpieces are not single and solitary births;  
they are the outcome of many years of thinking in common,  
of thinking by the body of the people,  
so that the experience of the mass is behind  
the single voice.  
- Virginia Woolf

**Jeremy Huggins**  
**Ballet**



GIT-R-DONE  
- Larry the Cable Guy

I came, I saw, I conquered.  
- Julius Ceasar





**Katharine Irwin**  
**Ballet**

Never regret something that once made you smile.  
Bia!  
Raaaer!



**Julian Jiamachello**  
**Visual Arts**

What devoured the fall of mankind was Julian  
standing on his head-sorry.



**Susannah Jones**  
**Drama**

Life beats down and crushes the soul and  
art reminds you that you have one.  
-Stella Adler

My work always tried to unite the true with the beautiful;  
but when I had to choose one or the other,  
I usually chose beautiful.  
-Tom Stoppard

You sort of start thinking anything's possible  
if you've got enough nerve.  
-Harry Potter and the Order of the Pheonix



**Olivia Jordan**  
**Contemporary**

The bigger the sunglasses, the more sin a girl has to hide.  
-Audrey Hepburn

Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.  
-Twyal Tharp

Beginnings are scary. Endings are usually sad. But it's the  
middle that makes it all worth living. -Hope Floats

The key to a great performance is to kill them from the word  
go. Make them love you from the first step. -Anonymous

Das MUG! -Bermuda-Lopey



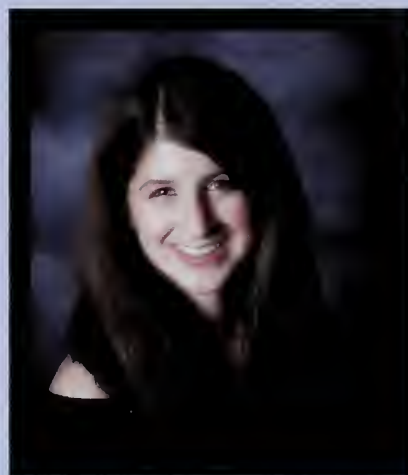
**Ryan Karrigan**  
**Cello**



Talent works, genius creates.  
-Robert Schuman

For once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with  
your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been  
and there you will long to return.  
-Leonardo da Vinci

**Laura Kaufman**  
**Flute**



If music be the food of love, play on;  
Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting,  
The appetite may sicken, and so die.  
That strain again! it had a dying fall:  
O, it came o'er my ear like the sweet sound  
That breaths upon a bank of violets,  
Stealing and giving odour!  
-William Shakespeare

In a quarrel, higher voiced person will win.  
-Japanese Proverb

**Max Kaufman**  
**Drama**



And so we stock up, buy a secondhand Studebaker,  
and start west.  
-William Burroughs

**Gwenyth Kelley**  
**Ballet**



Time can take it's toll on the best of us  
Look at you you're growing so old so young  
Traffic lights blink at you in the evening  
You tilt your head and turn it in the sun  
You disembark the latest flight from paradise  
You almost turn your ankle on the snow  
You fall back into where you started  
Make up words to songs you used to know  
-Stars

Most Kehzul!

Thank you all for the best four years of my life,  
you have been and meant everything to me.  
I love you!  
...yes





**Grace Kennerly  
Viola**

I've been wading in the velvet sea  
I took a moment from my day,  
Wrapped it up in things you say,  
mailed it off to your address,  
You'll get it pretty soon unless,  
The packaging begins to break,  
And all the points I try to make,  
Are tossed with thoughts into a bin,  
Time leaks out, my life leaks in.  
You won't find moments in a box,  
And someone else will set your clocks,  
I took a moment from my day,  
Wrapped it up in things you say,  
And mailed it off to you...  
-Phish



**Olivia Kohrman  
Drama**

She laughed and said,  
'You Artists think you're the only ones  
who can relate to these things.  
Many of us have the same feelings,  
the same emptiness, the same loneliness.  
But we don't have the tools to verbalize them.  
So we carry on, we struggle.  
Feelings are feelings.  
I think people's feelings are the same all over the world.'  
-Patricia Cornwell, "Postmortem"  
  
He not busy being born/is busy dying.  
-Bob Dylan, "It's Alright, Ma(I'm only Bleeding)"



**Ellie Kuhn  
Ballet**

Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen everyday.  
Be brave. Even if you're not, pretend to be.  
No one can tell the difference.

You can't spell slaughter without laughter.

...Absolutely.



**Jessica Kunttu  
Bassoon**

The purpose of argument is to change the nature of truth.  
-Frank Herbert

One of the greatest impediments for philosophy is the  
expectation of new, deep, unheard of elucidations.  
-Wittgenstein

Common sense is the collection of prejudices  
acquired by age eighteen. -Albert Einstein

And now for something completely different.  
-Monty Python

Sisu! -Finnish Saying



**Ryan Layton**  
**Guitar**



**Megan Liberty**  
**Ballet**



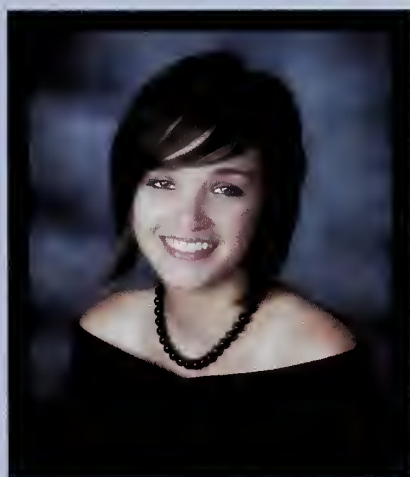
People look a lot different when they butt naked.  
-U-God; Wu-Tang Clan

Dare to be remarkable.  
-Jane Gentry

Dance is the only art of which we ourselves are  
the stuff of which it is made.  
-Ted Shawn

Special thanks to my family for giving me the opportunity to  
reach my dreams and congratulations to the  
NCSA Class of 2007!

**Sarah Lilly**  
**Visual Arts**



**Caleb Lohneiss**  
**Visual Arts**



I will walk on Saturn.

If God is everything...Then we are God.





**Leslie Marcoe**  
**Ballet**

Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.  
- James Dean

Learning to walk sets you free.  
Learning to dance gives you the greatest freedom of all:  
to express your whole self,  
the person you are.  
- Melissa Hayden



**Torian Martin**  
**Visual Arts**

Be good, stay Hood and Hold it down.  
-Torian L. Martin

You're in a privileged position to learn a thing or two,  
so keep your mouth shut and your eyes open.



**Zoe McDonie**  
**Ballet**

If we see a light at the end of the tunnel,  
it's the light of an oncoming train  
-Robert Lowell



**Jordan McGee**  
**Drama**

High school was about finding something I loved and putting  
my all into it. It has taken 5 years, but maybe now I have the  
resources and drive to do what I love. No matter where I go, or  
what I do, I know that my friends will always be there for me. I  
have to thank my family and friends for helping me in life.

Without their love and support,  
I don't know how I could have made it to where I am.  
Get caught in the moment, make mistakes, and end hatred!  
PEACE IN THE EAST!

- Jordan T. McGee



**Megan McInnes**  
**Clarinet**



Only music clarifies, reconciles, and consoles.  
But it is not a straw just being clutched at.  
It is a faithful friend, protector, and comforter,  
and for its sake alone, life is worth living.  
Who knows, perhaps in heaven there will be no music.  
So let us live on the earth while we still have life!  
-Tchaikovsky

**Ian Meeks**  
**Drama**



Brown, blue, green, anger, beauty, joy.  
What in the world might these employ?  
Your eyes are windows to your soul, so they say.  
Do you know tomorrow what they may convey?

**Elsabeth Mesele**  
**Drama**



We have to look at our own inertia, insecurities, self-hate, fear  
that, in truth, we have nothing valuable to say. When you're  
writing blooms out of the back of this garbage compost, it is  
very stable. If you are not afraid of the voices inside of you, you  
will not fear the critics outside of you.  
-Natalie Goldberg

**Kaitlyn Moise**  
**Ballet**



They say they built the train tracks over the Alps between  
Vienna and Venice before there was a train that could make  
the trip. They built it anyway.  
They knew one day a train would come.  
-Under the Tuscan Sun

First comes the sweat. Then comes the beauty - if you're very  
lucky and have said your prayers.  
- George Balanchine

Just keep swimming Dad!" I love you and thanks for being so  
supportive of me! Mom... I can't even begin to thank you and  
tell you how much I love you and if you hadn't believed in me,  
I wouldn't be the person I am today!





**Billy Morgan**  
**Ballet**

11 Pirouettes, 11 rubles.  
-Mikhail Baryshnikov

Thank you God, Mom, Hayley, Waldrep, Corey, Mark and Rhodes for everything ya'll have taught me.

I am AMAZING, at pirouettes.

Do or do not, there is no try.  
-Yoda

NCSA is the best school in the world. I have learned so much.  
Take advantage of every moment and opportunity you have.



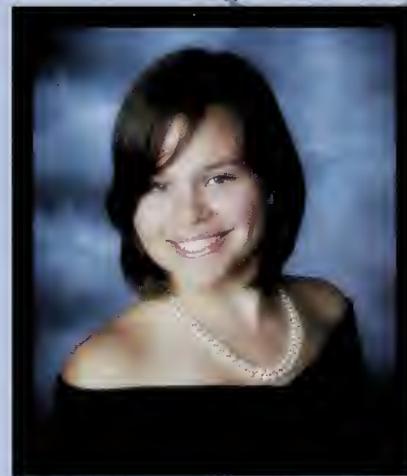
**Michael Mount**  
**French Horn**

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately,  
to front only the essential facts of life,  
and see if I could not learn what it had to teach and not,  
when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.  
I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear;  
nor did I wish to practise resignation,  
unless it was quite necessary.  
I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life,  
to live so sturdily and Spartan-  
like as to put to rout all that was not life...  
-Henry David Thoreau  
Walden, 1854



**Katherine Murray**  
**Piano**

Para mi solo recorrer los caminos que tienen corazon,  
cualquier canino que tenga corazon. Brahi yo recorro, y la  
unica prueba que vale es atravesar todo su largo. Y por ahi yo  
recorro mirando, mirando, sin aliento.  
-Don Juan Matus



**Lindsay Newton**  
**Contemporary**

Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common  
denominator, but among those whom I love, I can:  
all of them make me laugh. -W.H. Auden

Whenever I draw a circle, I immediately want to step out of it.  
-R. Buckminster Fuller

We are all atheists about most of the gods that humanity has  
ever believed in. Some of us just go one god further.  
-Richard Dawkins

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for  
a while, leave footprints on our hearts,  
and we are never, ever the same. -Flavia Weedn



**Emily Nicolas**  
**Contemporary**



To think that jammin' was a thing of the past...  
-B.M.

Thanks to, KT, CN, SM, SB, LM, CL, AH, SGO, and my Mother

**Jaclyn Oakley**  
**Ballet**



"You see" he says to the girl, "you closed your eyes.  
That was the difference. Sometimes you cannot believe what  
you see, you have to believe what you feel. And if you are ever  
going to have other people trust you, you must feel that you  
can trust them too-even when you're in the dark.

Even when you're falling."  
-Mitch Albom

**Rikki Oneil**  
**Clarinet**



We are the music-makers,  
And we are the dreamers of dreams,  
Wandering by lone sea breakers,  
And sitting by desolate streams;  
World-losers and world-forsakers,  
On whom the pale moon gleams:  
Yet we are the movers and shakers  
Of the world forever, it seems.  
-Arthur William Edgar O' Shaughnessy

Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve  
greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.

-W. Shakespeare

Iacta alea est! -Julius Caesar

**Patrick Osteen**  
**Drama**



I sound my barbaric YAWP over the rooftops of the world.  
-Walt Whitman

We are all part of the same compost.  
We are the all-singing, all-dancing crap of the world.  
-Fight Club





**Samuel Owens**  
**Saxophone**

I urge you to please notice when you are happy, and exclaim  
or murmur or think at some point,  
"if this isn't nice, I don't know what is."  
-Kurt Vonnegut

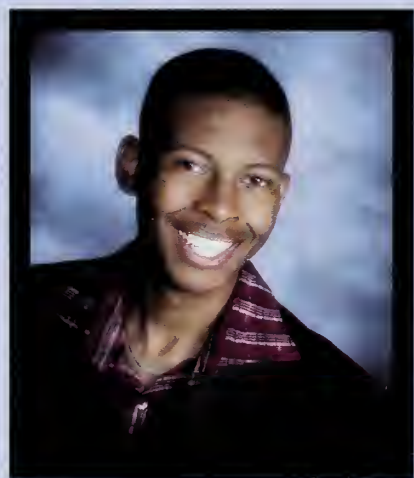
You've got to dig to dig it, you dig?  
-T. Monk

Thanks to everyone: "The Chipmunks" R.L., S.T., A.V.,  
E.A.N., my Parents



**Liliana Padilla**  
**Drama**

...And in that moment, I swear we were infinite.  
-Charlie from *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*  
by Stephen Chbosky



**Andre Peele**  
**Voice**

To err is human, to forgive is divine.

Fantasy is what we want but reality is what we need.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond imagination.



**Miranda Pfeiffer**  
**Visual Arts**

They think that a pregnant woman fell down from heaven,  
and that a tortoise (tortoises are plenty and large here, in this  
country, two, three and four feet long, some with two heads,  
very mischievous and addicted to biting) took this pregnant  
woman on its back, because every place was covered with  
water; and that the woman sat upon the tortoise, groped with  
her hands in the water, and scraped together some of the  
earth, whence it finally happened that  
the earth was raised above the water.



**John Philligin**  
**Violin**



The artist is nothing without the gift,  
but the gift is nothing without work.  
-Emile Zola

**Kevin Plybon**  
**Guitar**



It is always the simple things that change our lives.  
And these things never happen when you are  
looking for them to happen.  
Life will reveal answers  
at the pace life wishes to do so.  
-Donald Miller

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come  
alive, and go do it. Because what the world  
needs is people who have come alive.  
-Howard Thurman

**Megumi Reagan**  
**Viola**



Great art is as irrational as great music.  
It is made with its own loveliness.  
-George Jean Nathan

**Grace Reeves**  
**Ballet**



Say goodbye to the oldies, but goodies, because the good old  
days weren't always good and tomorrow ain't  
as bad as it seems.-Billy Joel

C is for cookie, it's good enough for me.-Cookie Monster  
A dream is a wish your heart makes.-Cinderella

Rules for victorious living: when the stakes are high, dive on  
in; and when all else fails, just MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Je ne regrette rien.

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of  
what we do not see. -Hebrews 11:1  
I thank you Lord.





**Grace Rennie**  
Visual Arts

I used to be Snow White, but I drifted.  
- Mae West



**Thomas Richardson**  
Drama

All great art comes from people who are either ugly  
or have a terrible inferiority complex.  
I know no one who is beautiful and produces art.  
- Richard Burton

If mice were men, we'd all have forties in our hands  
and really ugly tails.  
- Me



**Brooke Robbins**  
Visual Arts

Let love be your greatest aim.  
I Corinthians 14:1



**David Saunders**  
Contemporary

I have come to realize everyday  
how difficult it is to be different,  
and with those experiences  
I learn to be a better person,  
and know that I will become the person  
I choose to be.



**Jillian Sawyer**  
**Contemporary**



He who hurries cannot walk with dignity.  
-Fortune Cookie

Lucky Numbers  
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**Cameron Scoggins**  
**Drama**



I hold a beast, an angel and a madman in me,  
and my enquiry is as to their working,  
and my problem is their subjugation and victory,  
downthrow and upheaval,  
and my effort is their self-expression.  
-Dylan Thomas

**Gillian Scruggs**  
**Bassoon**



We take moderation in moderation.

Paradoxically though it may seem, it is none the less true that  
life imitates art far more than art imitates life.  
-Oscar Wilde

If we can call them friends then we can call them on their  
telephones, And they won't pretend  
that they're too busy or they're not alone,  
And if we can call them friends then we can  
Holler at them down these hallowed halls  
Just don't let the human factor fail to be a factor at all.  
-Andrew Bird

**Jaclyn Senne**  
**Visual Arts**



If I knew what the picture was going to look like I wouldn't  
make it. It was almost like it was made already... the challenge  
is more about trying to make what you can't think of.  
-Cindy Sherman





**Elena Shapiro**  
Ballet

You can't always get what You want,  
but if You try sometimes You might find  
You get what You need.  
-Rolling Stones

...Night Billy.



**Jason Spencer**  
Clarinet

To stop the flow of music would be like  
the stopping of time itself,  
incredible and inconceivable.  
-Aaron Copland

We are the people our parents warned us about.  
-Jimmy Buffet



**Mary Stanford**  
Drama

I dream my painting, and then I paint my dream.  
- Van Gogh



**Kerstin Stayton**  
Ballet

Nothing in this world is impossible if you have the will.



**Brittany Strickland**  
**Ballet**



When shadows fall  
You must prepare yourself for sunshine.  
For everything there is an end  
And so my friend you must be brave.

To all of you (you know who you are),  
I just want to thank you for providing me with the most  
priceless memories that will last forever.  
I love you all.

**Brittany Summer**  
**Ballet**



Don't ask what the world needs,  
Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.  
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.  
-Howard Thurman

This time a ripple. Next time a wave.

To all of you, Thanks for everything-  
I couldn't ask for more...  
-Edwin McCain

...yes!

**Margaret Summers**  
**Ballet**



Will you seek afar off? you surely come back at last,  
In things best known to you finding the best,  
or as good as the best,  
In folks nearest to you finding the sweetest, strongest, lovingest,  
Happiness, knowledge, not in another place but this place,  
not for another hour but this hour.  
-Walt Whitman

**Sarah Swilley**  
**Guitar**



When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives  
means the most to us, we often find that it is those who,  
instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have  
chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a  
gentle and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us  
in a moment of despair and confusion, who can stay with us in  
an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not  
knowing, not curing, not healing and face us with the reality of  
our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.  
-Henri Nouwen



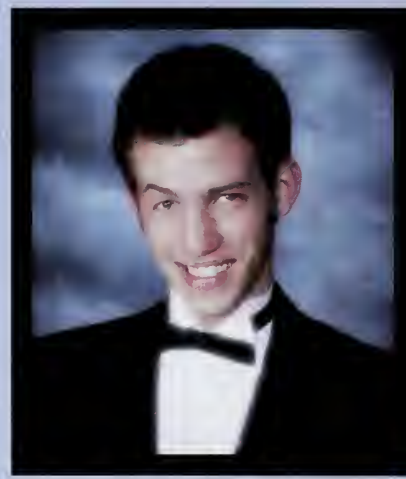


**Elizabeth Sykes**  
**Ballet**

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!  
Live the life you imagined.  
-Thoreau

Always behave like a duck:  
Keep calm and unruffled on the surface  
but paddle like hell underwater.  
-Unknown

Hakuna Matata



**Steven Taglia**  
**Percussion**

At its best, music serves as an instrument of self-mastery  
and compassion. It is an experience of deep level  
communication...It inspires awe and human self respect. It  
produces self-forgetting and joy. It keeps the lonely company,  
consoles the broken hearted. It bespeaks possibilities of hope  
and grace and presents us with the keys  
to the secret doors within us.  
-Kurt Elling

Thanks to everyone who has made these past four years so  
memorable: AMW,DDC,RWM,SWG,SGO,ERB,BCF,JRB.

PEACE I'M OUTTA HERE!



**Conrad Thomas**  
**Violin**

What we feel and think and are is to a great extent determined  
by the state of our ductless glands and viscera.  
-Aldous Huxley

There was a time when I thought a great deal about the  
axolotls. I went to see them in the aquarium at the Jardin des  
Plantes and stayed for hours watching them, observing their  
immobility, their faint movements. Now I am an axolotl.  
-Julio Cortazar- "Axolotl"

That God does not exist, I cannot deny-  
that my whole being cries out for God I cannot forget.  
-Jean-Paul Sartre



**Evan Todd, Jr.**  
**Drama**

The opposite of love is not hate, its indifference.  
The opposite of art is not ugliness, its indifference.  
The opposite of faith is not heresy, its indifference.  
And the opposite of life is not death, its indifference.  
-Elie Wiesel



**Steven Troncale**  
**Saxophone**



Basically you have to suppress your ambitions  
to be who you need to be.  
-Bob Dylan

Saul, why are you always naked?

**Sally Turkel**  
**Ballet**



See you and me have a better time than most can dream of,  
better than the best, so we can pull on through, whatever tears  
at us, whatever holds us down, and if nothing can be done,  
we'll make the best of what's around. -Dave Matthews

Know what's weird? Day by day, nothing seems to change, but  
pretty soon...everything's different. -Calvin & Hobbes

There are some things from our high school experiences that  
we will carry with us for the rest of our lives and some  
memories that we choose to forget. But when we look back at  
those experiences, we'll see our friends the ones who got us  
through everything and we'll realize  
how lucky we are to have them. -Anonymous

**Austin Vaccaro**  
**Drama**



When you row another person across the river,  
you get there yourself.

I guess this is where I tell you what I learned, my conclusion.  
Well my conclusion is hate is baggage.  
Life's too short to be pissed off all the time,  
it's just not worth it.

**Austin Vaughn**  
**Percussion**



To everyone who has made these the best two years of  
my life thus far: Thank you.

Any time I encounter something beautiful that came out of a  
human somewhere, that's them. That's their soul. That's just  
pure, whatever its physicality is, if the person can play piano, if  
they're tone deaf, whatever it is, if it's pure, it hits you like a  
sledgehammer. It fills up your soul, it makes you want to cry, it  
makes you glad you're alive, it lets you come out of you. And  
that's what we need: we desperately need you.  
-Julian Koster





**Sydney Vigotov**  
Contemporary

Mod and Pad: Thank you for the dance lessons, headaches,  
and gas tanks that it took to get me where  
I needed to go. I love you.

Alex: My Twipu, my Schvinki, my Dinder, my best friend.  
Asking for a baby sister fifteen years ago was  
the best decision I ever made.

J.J.E.r.K.S (a.k.a. John, Jay, Evan, Kyle, and myself):  
I love you all more than I can ever express.

You've been the best friends a girl could ask for.

And cannot pleasures, while they last, Be actual unless, when  
past, They leave us shuddering and aghast, With anguish  
smarting? And cannot friends be firm and fast,  
and yet bear parting? -Lewis Carroll

The Point is the point of it all. -Harry Nilsson



**Alexander  
Vollrath-Smith**  
Violin

I never learned in school that faint heart never won fair lady.  
I never learned in school the importance of the human spirit.

I never learned in school that you are who  
ever you believe you are.

The only thing I learned in school is that its better to  
experience yourself than to achieve  
what someone else calls success.



**Katheryn Walker**  
Contemporary

I am a deeply superficial person.  
-A. Warhol

Oh he was a funny little thing,  
he was a funny, funny little thing.  
-Joanna Newsom



**Jordan Walsh**  
Drama

If you believe something, passionately, people will follow you.  
People hardly care what you believe, as long as you believe in  
something. If you are passionate about something, people will  
follow you because they think you know something they  
don't, some clue to the meaning of the universe.  
Passion is tricky, though, because it can point to  
nothing as easily as it points to something...  
what people believe is important.

- Donald Miller, Blue Like Jazz



**Sarah Watson**  
**Ballet**



And then at the end of the letter I like to write  
P.S- This is what part of the alphabet would look like  
if Q and R were eliminated.  
- Mitch Hedberg

**Alexander Whitaker**  
**Organ**



Ne me touchez pas! Ne me touchez pas ou je me jette à l'eau!

**Kendell Wood**  
**Ballet**



The only difference today between Liberals and Conservatives  
is that the Liberals go to mass at five o'clock  
and the Conservatives at eight.  
-Gabriel Garcia Marquez (One Hundred Years of Solitude)

You had to be rude at least sometimes and edgy often to be  
credited with 'personality,'...  
- John Knowles (A Separate Peace)

Please let's all promise to never vote another Bush into  
office... I love you guys.

**Lindsay Allyn**  
**Yates**  
**French Horn**



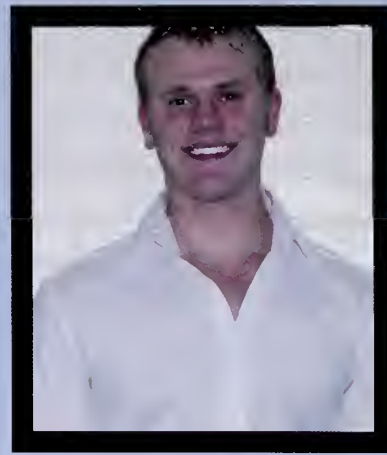
Remember we used to dance, and everyone wanted to be,  
you and me, I want to be too.





Kyung Yoo  
Violin

Got rice?



Patrick McGill  
Contemporary

Dance through life.

# **Congratulations Class of 2007!**

**We're proud of you!  
Good luck,  
Your NCSA Faculty & Staff**



# Amber Adams



Dear Amber,

To express everything you have brought into our lives over the past eighteen years is impossible. You have always been and will continue to be a bright star and an entertaining soul in this crazy world. We love you dearly as our daughter and sister and treasure all of our times together. Watching you grow into a beautiful, loving, and gifted young woman brings a sense of pride to us that is overwhelming.

You are a gifted performer, a passionate dancer, someone who can share emotion and passion with the audience, as well as the people in your everyday life. As you graduate from high school, remember to have faith, believe in yourself, and follow your passion. Your success will be rewarded with happiness and love-life's precious gifts.

We Love You,  
Mom, Dad & Taylor



# Kelly Elizabeth Bolick



*Kelly,  
Good luck with whatever  
direction life takes you in! Hold  
on to your dreams. Always have  
faith in yourself and in God.  
You've worked so hard, achieved  
so much and did it all so well.  
We're very proud of you and your  
accomplishments.  
We love you very much!  
Mom and Dad*





# Rachel Boone

Our Dearest Rachel,  
The Bible says that children are a gift from the Lord and you have been a most incredible gift. It is a joy and an honor to be your parents. You are a young woman filled with compassion, grace, beauty, talent, determination and phenomenal love for those around you. You are a wonderful role model for your siblings and we pray they will emulate your strong character. As you journey on to this new adventure in your life, continue to bless others with your gifts and commit your plans to the Lord (Prov. 16:3). As Christopher Robin said to Pooh, "Promise me



you'll always remember - you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." We are so proud of you Rachel, and we love you absolutely and completely.  
Mom and Dad  
(Jeremiah 29:11)



# Saul Green

Saul,  
We're so proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Louie



# Vanessa Chumbley

BUBA,  
You are such a joy to me-  
continue working hard and  
having lots of fun along the way.  
I love you.  
Mom





# Haley Dreis



*Haley,  
You are my sunshine.  
Break a string!  
Love, Mom*



# Nate Gladding



*Nate,  
On the long and winding road of life- from Beecher to Tabor,  
Silas Creek past the Career Center onto NCSA - we hope you  
always play the right notes! And in your travels,  
we hope you find what you are seeking.  
Later Nater-Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!  
Love, Mom & Dad*



# Payton Harkins

*Pay Pay,*

*How lucky and blessed we have been to be allowed to be your parents for the past 17 years. We have always known you were destined for something special, and at 15 you found it in your music. Use this gift that God has given you wisely. Never take it for granted and never waste it. How quickly these 17 years have passed. It seems like yesterday you were a little boy giving your dad "the nod". And believe it or not, in the blink of an eye, you will take his place. Whatever path your life takes, our wish for you is to have passion in what you choose, never forget who you are, be honest in all you do, be a loyal friend, love with all your heart, and above all else, have compassion, tolerance and forgiveness for those around you. We are so very proud of the person you have become. Remember that you are loved unconditionally.*

*Love you to Heaven and Back, Dad, Mom, Shawna and Chandler*

*What you think you create, What you feel you attract, What you imagine you become*



# Abigail Howard

*Congratulations, Baby-Bob!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sally, Cameron,  
Perry, Mango & Guinness*







# Kaitlyn Hayes

*Congratulations Didimus!  
Remember the Trust Fund!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Bryan*





# Jeremy Huggins

*Jeremy,*

*When you were 3 in 1994  
you brought the house down  
when you hit the floor.*

*As the years went by,  
and they have seemed to fly  
you danced, chasse'd, and lifted  
the girls high.*

*You improved with the Taylors  
performing Nutcrackers and Cirques  
and now you're a senior with  
all the NCSA perks.*

*Take advantage of these and  
your life will unfold  
with opportunities, surprises and  
treasures untold!*

*Love,*

*Mom, Zachary and  
Cinny (You'll always be my Angel)*



# Ellie Kuhn

*We as parents delight in the recognition of  
your achievements over the past five  
years. You are not a lot different from the  
young girl we loved pre-NCSA and we are  
not surprised to see you develop into an  
articulate, talented woman admired by  
your family and peers. We can't wait until  
you cut your hair just like it is in  
these pictures.*

*Love,  
Mom& Dad*







## Elsabeth Mesele



*Elsabeth,*

*Congratulations!*

*We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. We wish you a successful future with the best of everything.*

*All our love,  
Mom, Dad and Samson*

## Billy Morgan



*BJ,*

*You are a handsome and talented son. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished thus far in your life and we are looking forward to the bright and wonderful future that is waiting for you.*

*We love you very much.*

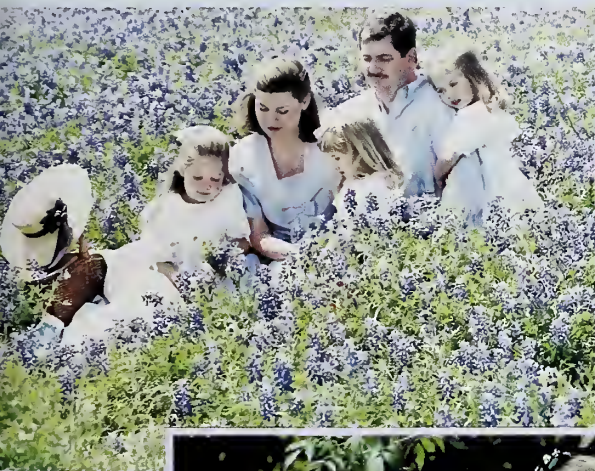
*Love,  
Mom, Dad & Hayley*





# Kaitlyn Moise

*An artist of many, who loved what she did  
And she'd been dancing since she was a kid  
For others she was never good enough  
But she took the criticism and remained tough  
Her passion drove her heart and soul  
Even though sometimes she felt there was a hole  
As if something were missing from her dream  
Strong and proud she would seem  
But inside she was utterly confused  
About the life she had chosen to be pursued  
However she loved what she was  
And appreciated every well-earned applause  
Her worries were lost as she took the stage  
And she forgot that feeling of being caged  
The stage was where her emotions were let go  
And as the time of day seemed to slow  
For her moment of pure happiness  
And where she felt most glamorous  
She no longer needed to long  
Where she truly belonged  
She filled the hole that made her empty  
And after that was set free  
For she found her home, the place in her heart  
That happened to be found in her beloved art*



*"friends to the end"*



# Lindsay Newton



*Leaving to seek the future's pearls  
Leave NCSA for other worlds.  
Leave with a cultured dancer's core.  
Leave with a precious memory-store.  
Gently close that high school door;  
Gratefully open a hundred more.*

*With pride, gratitude and love,  
Mom, Mark and Pato*





# Patrick Osteen

Patrick,

How do you spell delight?  
Who is able to make a friend of anybody?  
Who squealed at the sight of a frog jumping?  
Who reminded us to be amazed at the stars?

"And a little child shall lead them."

Thank you for cracking open the  
Window to heaven so we could  
Peek in and have a look  
You have brought joy to us  
Every day of your life.  
We have been proud of you  
Every day of your life.  
From your Oliver to your Gaston  
We have stood in awe  
And now with excited anticipation  
We await the developments of the future.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Andrea, Luke and Jeremiah



# John Philligin

Your dreams lie within your music.  
Your successes have come from your self discipline and love of music.  
You have worked hard and have made us more proud than you will ever know.  
We wish you all of the love and happiness in the world.

Your dreams lie within your music.  
We hope all of your dreams come true.

Love,  
Mom and Dad





# Miranda Grace Pfeiffer



*My little artist...*



*is all grown up!*

*You are my sunshine.*



*Love, Mom, Deirdre & Frederick*





# Ryan Layton



*We love you!*  
Mom, Dad, Robert

# Grace Reeves

*Grace,  
You have truly lived up to the meaning of your name. From day one, you have been an undeserved blessing from God. Know that we will always be praying for you and supporting you in your future endeavors. We are extremely proud of you!*

*We love you!*  
Mom, Dad and James



# Kevin Plybon

*It is rare to know someone with so many talents and so much potential. We are so proud of you not only for all you have accomplished, but for the young man of faith and character you have become. We pray that the indwelling Holy Spirit would enliven you as you venture into this new world of academia. We are eager to see where God takes you from here!*

*Love,*  
Mom, Dad, Scott and Anna







*Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.  
Psalm 119:105*

*We are very proud of you, Brooke!*

*Love,*

*Daddy, Mommy and Allison*

**Brooke Robbins**

## Jason Spencer



*Congratulations Jason!  
We are so proud of you.  
Aim for the stars and know that we  
will always love and support you.*

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad and Sissy*





# Grace Rennie

*Gracie-  
Congratulations from your big brother...*



*and Mom and Dad too!  
We love you!*

# Austin Vaughn

*Congratulations Austin!*

*Love, Mom, Dad, Kari and Jack*



*"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides."*

~ DAVID VISCOTT

## ELENA BRIGHT SHAPIRO

*You are a joy. Love, Mom, Dad, Biby & Sam*



# Brittany Summer



*Dear Brittany,*

*May your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.*

*Our prayer is that God will continue to guide you throughout your life.*

*We love you and are very proud of you,  
Mom, Dad, and Thomas*





# Margaret Summers



*Congratulations To Our Prima Ballerina  
We Love You  
Mom, Dad, Helen, Susan and George*





# Kerstin Stayton



*When you come to a fork in the road take it! Take it with courage, take it with dignity, and take it with passion. One may be shorter, another longer, but they both will lead you to what is meant to be.*

*Kerstin, you are our happy memories of the past, the joyful moments of the present, and the hope and promise of the future.*

*From the first day of school to the last day of NCSA - here's to you and the fork in the road!*

*Love always,  
Mom and Dad*



# Elizabeth Sykes

*Bette, we're truly proud of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations and get the cake!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad and Anna*





# Austin Vaccaro



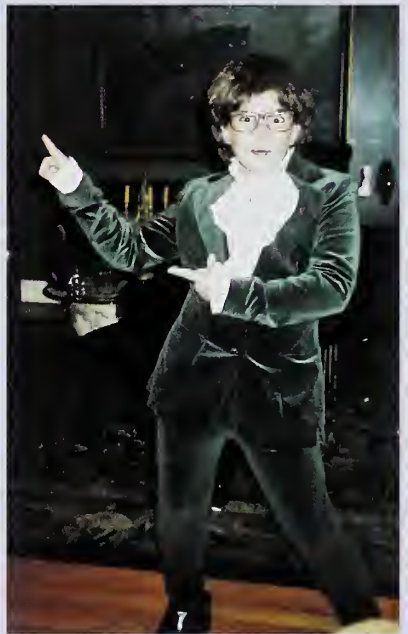
*Dear Austin (AKA: Lamb Chop, Bubba, Favorite Son, Meal Ticket),*



*You have always been a person of many interests. From the early age of 3 when you watched the garbage men outside and announced "Mommy, I want to do that!" to age 5 when you had us all convinced that you'd be a preacher with his own Bible factory. At age 7 you were going to be a "piano man", age 9 an archaeologist (so you could prove the history of the Bible). At age 10 or 11 you tricked us in to thinking you'd be a magician! In middle school you aspired to be a Pro skateborder, an Italian opera singer, and a guitarist. Then, in 9th grade you broke your arm playing football (thank God) and tried out for your first play. As an actor you had finally found a way to be all those professions and more. We were so happy to know you discovered something you truly loved.*

*You are intelligent, sensitive, an incredible judge of character, and have always been able to make us laugh (especially when you were in trouble)! Austin, we are all so proud of you and love you more than words can say. Continue to follow your heart, and let it lead you to your passion. You are forever and always our favorite son!*

*Big as the Sky, and to the end of the Rainbow  
Mom, Dad and Alexandra  
Ephesians 4:2*





# Jordan Christina Walsh



*Jordan means Humble Spirit*



*1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*



*Life is not a dress rehearsal.*



*Always be prepared, especially in a hurricane. Remember to layer. -Mom*



*Wherever you go, no matter the weather, always bring your own sunshine.*

*-Anthony J. D'Angelo*



*It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.*

*-Shakespeare*



*They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel. -Carol Buchner*



*Motivation will almost always beat mere talent. -Norman R. Augustine*



*Attach yourself to your passion, but not to your pain. Adversity is your best friend on the path to success.*

*-Unknown*



*Let your heart burn with your values. Speak them with your actions! -Dad*



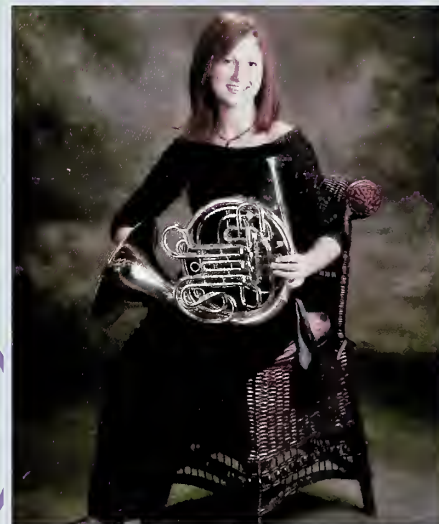
# Lindsay A. Yates



*Lindsay,*

*You've got the Music in You!  
Thank you for all the smiles and  
laughter you've brought  
into our lives. In all your ways  
acknowledge God and  
He will direct your path.  
Godspeed.*

*We love you,  
Mom, Whitney & Grammy*





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# Mixed-Up Artists



Grace Rennie, virtuoso pianist, practices her Chopin etudes.



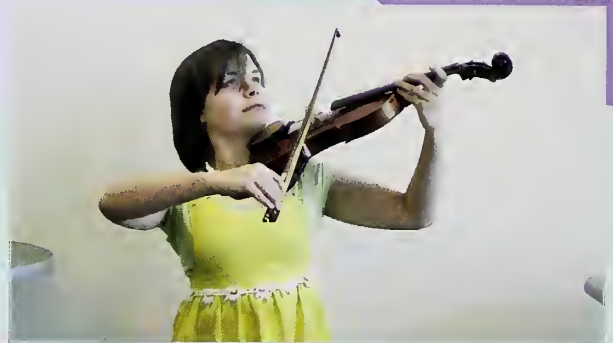
Jessica Kunttu rehearses in the hallway for Serenade.

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Soprano Lauren Browning rehearses her Mozart aria, accompanied by Kaiqlin Frankenfield.



Lindsay Newton rehearses her Paganini Caprice.



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**FIRST FEMALE SPEAKER**

This year marked a historic moment in the House of Representatives. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) was elected America's first female Speaker of the House. Upon taking the floor, Pelosi proclaimed, "This is a historic moment, for Congress, and for the women of this country. It is a moment for which we have waited more than 200 years." Pelosi plans to take on the broadest ethics and lobbying revision since the Watergate era.

**US SHARES SET RECORD HIGH**

U.S. stocks rose to a record high on October 18 when the Dow Jones Industrial average passed 12,000 for the first time in history. However, as Wall Street celebrated this new benchmark, market experts were skeptical. The record-high is reportedly overrated—experts caution that a few rising stocks do not indicate the actual status of the stock market or economic growth.

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**WHO SELECTS NEW LEADER**

Bird flu expert Dr. Margaret Chan was selected by the World Health Organization (WHO) to be the next director-general. Dr. Chan's expertise was highly valued by the WHO. She confronted the first human outbreak of the avian flu in 1997 and she was credited with successfully defeating Hong Kong's 2003 outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). Chan was the first Chinese national to be selected for such a high-ranking U.N. post.

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**CASTRO TRANSFERS POWER**

After 47 years in power, Cuban President Fidel Castro handed over control of Cuba to his brother Raul. The 80-year-old Castro stepped down due to medical reasons.

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**LIQUIDS & GELS BECOME TABOO**

In August, British officials uncovered a plot to create explosives onboard an airplane by mixing liquids and gels. U.S. and British security was accordingly elevated, and travelers were not allowed to bring lotions, beverages or makeup in their carry-on baggage.

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**DEMOCRATS WIN HOUSE & SENATE**

For the first time in 12 years, the Democrats won the majority in the House of Representatives. The mid-term elections also meant a victory for the Democrats in the Senate.

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**A DAY WITHOUT IMMIGRANTS**

May 1, 2006, marked A Day Without Immigrants in select cities across the nation. Organizers of the event hoped that the day would impact restrictions on immigration by exposing the country's reliance on immigrant workers. Chicago had one of the largest turnouts—about 300,000 demonstrators marched downtown.

**VERDICT REACHED FOR SADDAM**

Almost three years after his capture, former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was sentenced to death. Hussein was found guilty of committing crimes against humanity. The verdict in the Hussein trial was delivered on November 5, 2006—only two days before the U.S. mid-term elections—and the execution occurred on December 30, 2006.

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### HOPEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill traveled to North Korea to discuss the six-party talks, which included North Korea, the United States, Japan, South Korea, China and Russia. The talks were in response to North Korea's October 9 nuclear test, and focused on negotiations for North Korea to dismantle its nuclear weapons program in exchange for aid.



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### SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE

As the fifth anniversary of the September 11 attacks was observed, three world-renowned architects unveiled designs for skyscrapers to be built where the original World Trade Center stood. The new skyscrapers will be among the tallest buildings in New York; only the accompanying Freedom Tower will reach taller.



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### PRESIDENCY BID HEATS UP

Senators Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) announced their intentions to vie for the 2008 Democratic nomination for the presidential elections. Both would represent a landmark "first" for the United States: Obama could be the first African American president and Clinton could be the first female U.S. president.

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### E-COLI IS THE ENEMY

According to a statement made by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, September's E-coli outbreak in spinach was traced to contamination on four California ranches. The outbreak caused 200 people to become ill across 26 states and resulted in three deaths. Several months later, the spinach industry was still fighting to recover.

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### RUMSFELD RESIGNS

President Bush announced the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on November 8. Rumsfeld was the only person to hold the Secretary of Defense position for two consecutive terms (2001-2006). Bush nominated former CIA director Robert Gates to fill the defense secretary role.

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### THE BIG APPLE BANS TRANS FATS

In December, the health department ordered New York City's nearly 25,000 restaurants and countless street vendors to cease the use of trans fats. According to the health department, purging trans fats in New York would save a minimum 500 lives per year, with a possible maximum of 1,400 lives saved. Lawmakers in other large cities such as Chicago plan to follow NYC's healthy example.

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### FAREWELL TO FORD

The nation said goodbye to 38th U.S. President Gerald Ford. Ford was the oldest living president before he died at the age of 93. He became President of the United States in 1974 after Richard Nixon's resignation.

## EVERYDAY HEROES ■ EVERYDAY HEROES ■ EVERYDAY

**Wesley Autrey** was awarded the Bronze Medallion, New York City's highest citizen award, for saving the life of a 19-year-old student who was suffering from a seizure. Autrey was standing on the subway platform with his two young daughters when Cameron Hollopeter fell onto the tracks. Autrey courageously jumped on top of Hollopeter to shield him from an oncoming train. Wesley Autrey is living proof that everyday heroes do exist.



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**Eugenia Dodson** of Coral Gables, Fla., earned hero status for donating her life savings of \$35.6 million dollars to diabetes and cancer research upon her death. While she could have afforded to live in luxury, she chose to live simply and reserve her fortune for a meaningful cause. Dodson's gracious contributions will help to fund research and save the lives of many.



## VETERANS HOSPITAL UNDER FIRE

Reports of substandard living conditions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center initiated deeper investigations into the entire military health care system. During hearings, Congress learned of bureaucratic delays, unsanitary housing, and lax or poor treatment at Walter Reed. President Bush ordered a comprehensive review of the conditions, and he named Senator Bob Dole and former Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala to lead the investigation.



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## TRAGEDY STRIKES LANCASTER COUNTY

Violence rocked a one-room schoolhouse in Pennsylvania when Charles Carl Roberts barricaded himself and several students inside the Amish school. The hostage situation resulted in the deaths of five girls and the gunman, who took his own life. The Amish community tore down the school so that the site will remain a quiet pasture.

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## JURY CONVICTS

## "SCOOTER" LIBBY

After 10 days of deliberation, jurors in the trial of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby found him guilty of lying and obstructing an investigation into the leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity. Libby, who was Vice President Cheney's most trusted advisor and an assistant to President Bush, is the highest-ranking White House official to be convicted of a felony since the mid-1980s.

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## DEATH OF A DICTATOR

Former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet died seven days after suffering a heart attack. Pinochet came to power in a quick, violent coup in 1973 and he was a controversial figure in Chilean politics. Pinochet ruled Chile for 17 years and has been in exile since 1990.

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## NASA REVIEWS SCREENING PROCESS

Due to the events surrounding Navy Capt. Lisa Nowak's attempt to kidnap romantic rival Colleen Shipman, NASA reviewed its psychological screening process for potential astronauts. In the past, the psychological evaluations focused on identifying red flags to rule out candidates. The NASA review emphasized changing the screening criteria to designate only the best candidates for space missions.

## NEW TEST FOR CITIZEN HOPEFULS

A new exam for citizenship features questions that focus on concepts of democracy, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Several interest groups provided input for the pilot test, including immigrant advocacy groups. The new exam is expected to be implemented nationwide in the spring of 2008.

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## EXECUTIVE GUILT

Former Enron Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling and founder Kenneth Lay were found guilty of conspiracy and fraud after four years of investigation, testimony and jury deliberations. The men were convicted for lying to investors and the public about the financial health of Enron, before the company collapsed in 2001. Lay, 64, died in July of coronary disease while he awaited sentencing. Skilling was sentenced to 24 years in prison.

## A JOYOUS RETURN

After four long years, Shawn Hornbeck reunited with parents Craig and Pam Akers. Shawn disappeared in 2002 at the age of 11, but recent searches for 13-year-old Ben Ownby led to the discovery of both missing boys. They were found in the Kirkwood, Mo., home of Michael Devlin, 41. The boys returned to their jubilant families and Devlin faced kidnapping charges.



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### DISCOVERY LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT

The Space Shuttle Discovery successfully lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center at 8:47 p.m. EST on December 9. It was only the 29th evening launch out of NASA's 117 shuttle flights. Discovery's first flight took place on August 30, 1984, and it has now successfully completed over 30 missions. Discovery traveled to the International Space Station to make repairs and landed back on Earth 13 days later.

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### SHRIMP SAVE LIVES

Who knew that tiny shrimp can save a soldier's life?! SAM Medical Products of Portland, Ore., developed a pourable bandage called Celox that is made of Chitosan, a structural element of shrimp shells. Celox is poured directly into a bleeding wound and applied pressure causes the positively charged Celox granules to bond with negatively charged red blood cells. The Celox creates a gel-like mass that stops bleeding. Since Celox is useful for both surface injuries and major wounds, it is planned to hit war zones by the end of 2007 with FDA approval.

### IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

For the second year in a row, the cancer death rate in the United States has declined. According to the American Cancer Society, early prevention and treatment are credited with the decrease. In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Gardasil, the first cancer vaccine, in June. The vaccine protects against cervical cancer, the second most common cancer in women.



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### HAWKING HONORED

Physicist Stephen Hawking has joined an elite circle which includes Charles

Darwin, Albert Einstein and Louis Pasteur by receiving the Copley medal for his work in theoretical physics and cosmology. Hawking, a mathematics professor at the University of Cambridge, has produced groundbreaking work on defining and gaining a greater understanding of black holes. The Copley medal of scientific achievement was first awarded by the Royal Society in Britain in 1731.

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### NEW MEANING FOR IRON STOMACH

Based on Dr. Martin Wikham's model, scientists constructed the world's first artificial stomach out of materials able to withstand corrosive acids and enzymes found in the human gut. The device may help in the development of super-nutrients that could fool the stomach into triggering a "full" response. Dr.

Wikham's artificial stomach incorporates the physiological elements of digestion including the contractions that break up food and move it along, just like human digestion. "It is so realistic that it can even vomit," adds Wickham.

### SPIDERS HELP HUMANS HEAL

Scientists found that spider silk could be used to create fine sutures for surgeries, particularly to repair injuries to nerves or eyes without scarring. Researchers at Tufts University also discovered that spider webs could be used for regenerating ligaments in common knee injuries such as ruptured ACLs.

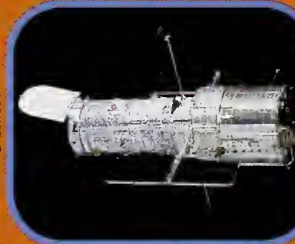
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HUBBLE TELESCOPE

2006 marked sixteen years since the Hubble Space Telescope's launch in 1990. Although sixteen years old is young for humans, it is quite old in telescope years. To

celebrate Hubble's sweet



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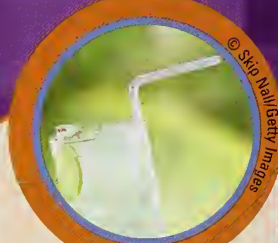
sixteen, NASA and the European Space Agency released Hubble's awe-inspiring photos of Messier 82, a galaxy located 12 million light years away in the constellation Ursa Major.

### MICKEY AND FRIENDS SHAPE UP

Disney developed new nutritional guidelines that limit sugar, fat and calories for products that bear a Disney character or logo. As a result, Mickey Mouse, Buzz Lightyear and other Disney friends will no longer appear on packages of sugary cereals, high-calorie snacks and other junk foods. Disney also plans to improve the nutritional value of meals served at its U.S. theme parks.



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### SAVING LIVES BY A STRAW

A new invention called the LifeStraw was introduced to provide clean drinking water for those in need. The life saver was designed to work just like a drinking straw: the water passes through the disinfecting resin and bacteria are destroyed on contact. The LifeStraw was ready to help the more than 1 billion people worldwide without clean water to drink.



## COMPUTER VISION

A legally blind poet at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology designed a "seeing machine" that allows people with limited vision to see faces, read or study building layouts. The device plugs into a personal computer, uses light-emitting diodes to project images into a person's eye, and grants impaired users the ability to see words or pictures. The device only works for people who have retained some living retina cells.



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## SCIENCE EXPLAINS YOUR MORNING HAZE

The intense grogginess that you may feel when your morning alarm goes off actually has a scientific definition and name: sleep inertia. According to a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, sleep inertia can cloud the brain even more than a total lack of sleep. This common condition can affect any healthy human by limiting the ability to think clearly.



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## GOING WHERE NO WOMAN HAS GONE BEFORE....

Iranian-born U.S. businesswoman Anousheh Ansari became the first female space tourist on September 18, when she blasted off on a Russian Soyuz rocket. Ansari joined Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin and U.S. astronaut Miguel Lopez-Alegria for a 10-day trip to the International Space Station. It is rumored that Ansari paid at least \$20 million for her space adventure.



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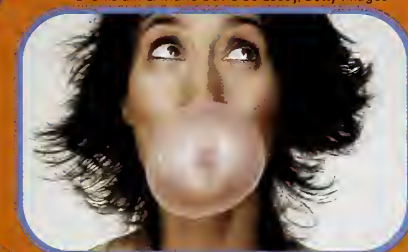
## LADY LIBERTY GOES GREEN

The Statue of Liberty's exterior is green due to the oxidization of her copper, but she's become "green" all the way through. Lady Liberty's torch is now lit by environmentally friendly "green" power generated from windmills. You won't see a windmill if you pay the Lady a visit—the windmills are located in Pennsylvania, and their power is pumped into a national energy grid. The government then taps into the energy grid to buy the power.



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## CHEW ON THIS

Researchers at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital in California found that patients who underwent abdominal surgery and chewed sugarless gum spent less time in the hospital. Since most abdominal surgeries delay or halt intestinal function, patients who chewed gum helped their systems return to normal functioning.



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## BACTERIA DEFENDERS

A tooth-friendly strain of the bacteria *L. anti-caries* (found in

yogurt), proved to be helpful—it prevented decay from sticking to tooth surfaces by forcing decay to clump together. Based on this information, developers worked to create new products such as chewing gum, toothpaste and mouthwash. Researchers also planned to test the special bacteria's effectiveness against the odor-producing bacteria that dwell in underarms and feet.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS

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**Dig Site:** Pensacola, Fla.  
**Ancient Find:** Rare Spanish ship that could date to the mid-1500s, when the first Spanish settlement was founded in the U.S., was uncovered by a Navy construction crew.

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**Dig Site:** Sofia, Bulgaria  
**Ancient Find:** Six-inch gold and platinum dagger that is believed to be 5,000 years old—found with 500 tiny golden rings.



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## ROVERS STILL ROVING

NASA's two Martian rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, have now been roaming the planet for four years—12 times longer than initially expected. The rovers' list of accomplishments includes finding evidence that water once drenched a region on Mars, locating metallic meteorites, and analyzing rock layers to determine Martian environmental changes. The two rovers have returned over 169,000 images to Earth for study and research.



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### POLAR BEARS ON THIN ICE

Higher average air and water temperatures caused sea ice to shrink—bad news for the polar bears. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne expressed concerns that the polar bears' environment may literally be melting. The bears rely on the ice to hunt for food, and the decrease in arctic ice has resulted in a possible threatened species classification for polar bears.



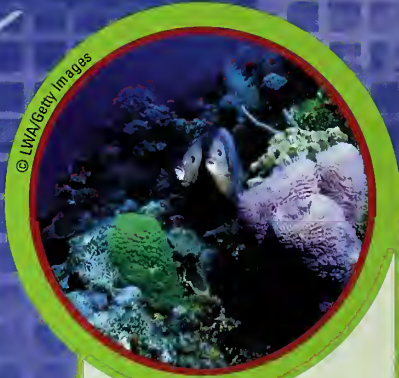
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### MANATEES ON THE MOVE

Manatees are an endangered species that prefer the warm, coastal waters from Alabama to South Carolina. However, they have been sighted along the East Coast all the way up to Rhode Island. Three wayward manatees were captured in Jacksonville, Fla., and taken to Sea World Orlando after their capture. They were given "milkshakes" consisting of gruel and monkey chow during their recuperation.

### BEE STING TREATMENT ALL THE BUZZ

Bee venom has been an ancient folk remedy for 3,000 years in China. Today, it is still in use as part of traditional Chinese medicine. Doctors claim bee sting remedies are useful to prevent limb amputations and treat arthritis, back pain and rheumatism. However, since practitioners cannot explain exactly how the bee venom works, Western doctors are hesitant to prescribe the buzz.



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### UNDERWATER VEHICLE EXPLORES THE DEPTHS

Scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts built an underwater vehicle that transported explorers to depths of 6,500 meters (21,320 feet). By diving to these new depths, explorers were able to explore more than 99 percent of the Earth's sea floor.



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### SUMMER SHAKE-UP

In May 2006, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake occurred on the Indonesian island of Java, leaving

over 6,000 dead, more than 36,000 people injured and an estimated 1.5 million people homeless. In July, a second major quake with a 7.7 magnitude occurred in the Indian Ocean near Java. Approximately 668 lives were lost in the quake and over 9,000 people were treated for injuries.



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### MIRACLE

#### BABY BEATS ODDS

Amilla Taylor's entrance into the world was much earlier than planned—she was the youngest premature baby ever to survive. Amilla was born at 21 weeks and 6 days old, and she weighed a mere 10 ounces. Although doctors administered drugs to accelerate the development of her lungs and vital organs before delivery, experts were still amazed that she made it. "This is an extremely rare event, any way you look at it," said Dr. Rod Phibbs of the University of California-San Francisco.



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### FOREST FIRE UNCOVERS TREASURE

Although forest fires cause damage and devastation, they can also

reveal valuable glimpses into the past. After a fire that burned for nearly a month in the Los Padres National Forest north of Los Angeles, fire crews found an abandoned gold mining camp and an adobe homestead dating back to the 1880s.

### WORLD'S OLDEST DIES

Maria Esther de Capovillo, the world's oldest person, died in her native Ecuador in August 2006. Maria was 116 years old. We may be seeing people live longer lives, like Maria, in the near future. Life expectancy rates in the United States have increased to an average 77.6 years—13 more years than the world life expectancy rate.



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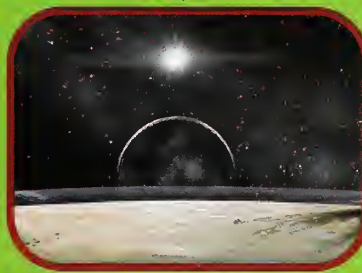


Employees in the Los Angeles public works building hardly noticed their new co-workers. The sign above their work area read, "Quiet Please. Worms at Work." California encourages employees to bring worms to work so that the slimy laborers can chew up apple cores, sandwich scraps and other lunch leftovers to produce compost. Employees were invited to take the compost for use as an all-natural fertilizer in their gardens and on houseplants.



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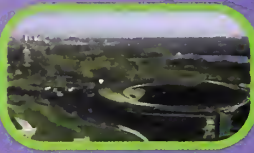
Dr. Kristina Narfstrom's bionic cat eyes made strides to help reverse the damage that retinitis pigmentosa, an inherited retina disease that results in blindness, can cause to human eyesight. Dr. Narfstrom began by creating special silicon chips that were implanted in the eyes of partially blind cats. Since the structures of cat and human eyes are similar, Dr. Narfstrom could enhance the chips' performance by studying how

## A photograph showing a massive pile of recycled paper and cardboard bales. A person is walking through the pile, providing a sense of scale. The bales are tightly packed and appear to be made of various types of paper and cardboard. The image is framed with a red border.

**Plant a Tree:** Get together with your friends or family and plant a tree. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen—an integral part of Earth's natural cycles.



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**WIMBLEDON GRANTS EQUAL PAY**

The tennis world's glass ceiling was finally smashed on February 22 when Wimbledon officials announced equal pay for male and female tennis champs. In the past, officials defended the females' smaller

paychecks with claims that women play best-of-three set matches opposed to the males' best-of-five set matches—but the match parameters were set by tournament officials and not the athletes. The 2007 tournament will be the first in Wimbledon history that rewards equal championship pay for men and women.

**MIAMI HEATS UP NBA FINALS**

Dwyane Wade delivered a victory and the NBA championship title for the Miami Heat in a 95-92 win over the Dallas Mavericks. Wade scored 36 points and 10 rebounds in the playoff final, leading the Heat to its first title in franchise history.



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**ROGER FEDERER TRIUMPHS**

Roger Federer joined the elite ranks of Bjorn Borg, Ivan Lendl and Pete Sampras by becoming the fourth player to win the men's International Tennis Federation's world champion title for the third year in a row. Federer won three Grand Slam titles: the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. He won 13 titles overall with an impressive 99-5 record.



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**MICKELSON CAPTURES GREEN JACKET**

Phil Mickelson claimed his second green jacket with a 2006 Masters victory. Mickelson won by two strokes to beat indomitable golf champs such as Tiger Woods, Fred Couples and Vijay Singh.



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**HURRICANES BLOW OVER OILERS**

The Carolina Hurricanes beat the Edmonton Oilers in a 4-3 series to capture the team's first Stanley Cup title. Captain Rod Brind'Amour was proud to bring the title home for Hurricanes fans after the team's second trip to the finals.



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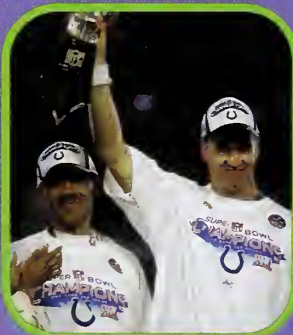
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**JUSTINE IS SUPREME**

Justine Henin-Hardenne claimed the advantage over Amelie Mauresmo to win the women's International Tennis Federation award for the second time. She reached all four Grand Slam finals and won the French Open. The 24-year-old also won a tour-high six titles, including the season-ending WTA championships to finish Number 1.

**BOWL OF SUPER FIRSTS**

Super Bowl XLI was a game that will go down in history as a game of firsts. Quarterback Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts beat the Chicago Bears 29-17 in the first Super Bowl that was played in the pouring rain. Manning was voted Most Valuable Player and earned his first championship ring, while Tony Dungy was the first African American coach to win a Super Bowl title. It was the Colts' first Super Bowl win since the move to Indianapolis; the team's last Super Bowl victory was in 1970 when they played in Baltimore.



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**ITALY CAPTURES WORLD CUP**

The World Cup was action-packed—France team captain Zinedine Zidane was withdrawn from the game with a red card violation for an illegal action against Italy defender Marco Materazzi. Then Italy went on to beat France and win the 2006 World Cup after a 1-1 draw and a 5-3 shootout. The game's soccer ball sold at auction for a shocking \$2.4 million.



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**SOCCER SUPERSTAR**

Brazilian midfielder Marta was voted the FIFA Women's Player of the Year and U.S. forward Kristine Lilly finished second. Marta led the voting for the women's award with 475 points; Lilly followed with 388 and German Renate Lingor came in third place with 305 points.



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## SHOCK ROCKS!

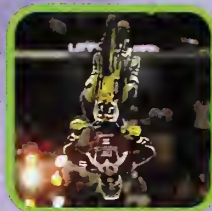
The Detroit Shock claimed their second WNBA title over the Sacramento Monarchs in an 80-75 win. Deanna Nolan scored 24 points and was named Finals MVP. Katie Smith, all-time leading scorer in women's pro basketball history, scored 17 points.



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## GAMES ■ X GAMES ■ X GAMES ■ X GAMES

Travis Pastrana thrilled spectators by doing a double back-flip with his 200-pound motorcycle. In the 12-year history of the Summer X Games, there has never been a stunt like it. Pastrana clinched the Moto X Freestyle for the sixth time with his daring trick.



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Skateboarder Bucky Lasek earned his first X Games gold with his smooth delivery of a frontside cab varial heelflip. The trick's name sounds intense, but seeing its execution was even better.



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A bold double flair (back-flip into a corkscrew) by BMXer Kevin Robinson earned him the gold in the BMX Freestyle Vert Best Trick. It was the first gold win for three-time bronze medalist Robinson.

## ON TOP OF THEIR GAME

Golf Writer's Association of America has named Tiger Woods as Player of the Year. No one can touch Tiger on the pro tour, and only Jack Nicklaus ranks higher on the all-time majors list. Woods has claimed 55 PGA Tour titles. Lorena Ochoa snapped up the women's title as the LPGA's Player of the Year with six wins and the Vare Trophy award. Ochoa broke Annika Sorenstam's run of five straight Player of the Year awards. She has also been named Mexican Female Athlete of the Year.



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## JOHNSON REACHES ULTIMATE GOAL

Jimmie Johnson captured his racing dream with his long-awaited win of the NASCAR Nextel Cup. After just barely missing the championship for three seasons, Johnson was due. He made one of his best runs in history to win his deserved title.



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## IDITAROD CHAMPION HAS NO FEAR

Rachael Scodris of Bend, Ore., finished Alaska's Iditarod endurance challenge at the young age of 21.

Finishing the Iditarod is an astounding accomplishment for any athlete—according to the race spokesman, more people have climbed up Mount Everest than have finished the Iditarod. The dog sled race begins in Anchorage and ends after spanning 1,150 icy miles across Alaska to Nome. Rachael's accomplishment was not only impressive due to her young age, but also because she is legally blind.

## COURAGEOUS DERBY WINNER

Barbaro, the winner of the Kentucky Derby and a heavy favorite for winning the Triple Crown, captured the hearts of Americans in 2006. The previously undefeated champion's racing career came to an abrupt halt during the Preakness Stakes

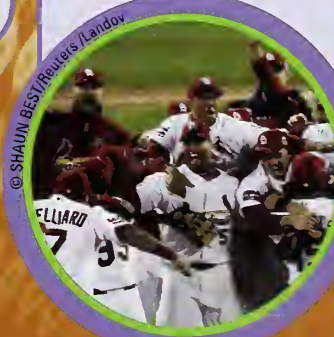
when his leg was broken in three places. The brave equine underwent surgery and put up a spirited fight that sadly ended in January 2007.



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## CARDINALS' CELEBRATION

The St. Louis Cardinals swooped into the playoffs the last day of the regular season and scored a big win. In Game 5, they beat the Detroit Tigers with a 4-2 win. Pitcher Jeff Weaver was described by Cardinals manager Tony La Russa as the game's biggest hero, which contributed to the Cardinals' tenth World Series title.



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## SPORTS GREATS RETIRE

Tennis champ Andre Agassi put away his racket after more than two decades on the court. During his career, Agassi totaled 60 titles that included 8 Grand Slam wins and an Olympic gold medal in 1996. Legendary Formula One and seven-time

World Champ racecar driver Michael Schumacher also retired. Hockey great Steve Yzerman retired this year, along with his #19 Detroit Red Wings jersey. Yzerman served as captain for 20 straight seasons, the longest such streak in NHL history, and led the team to Stanley Cup titles in 1997, 1998 and 2002.



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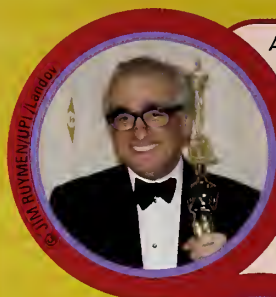
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## AMERICAN IDOL WINNERS SHINE

Carrie Underwood and Kelly Clarkson were both big winners at the 34th annual American Music Awards. *American Idol* winner Carrie Underwood was named Favorite New Breakthrough Artist for all music genres. Favorite Female Artist and Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist went to Kelly Clarkson.



## ACADEMY AWARDS MAGIC

*The Departed* owned the evening at the 79th Academy Awards. The film swept in five Oscars, including the coveted Best Motion Picture title. *Little Miss Sunshine* also made an impression with two Oscar wins, one of which was the Best Original Screenplay. *Happy Feet* captured hearts and won Best Animated Feature.



## CHICKS RULE

The 49th Annual Grammy Awards show was all about the Dixie Chicks. The country chicks picked up awards for Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Country Album of the Year and Song of the Year for "Not Ready to

Make Nice." Mary J. Blige's "Be Without You" won an award for Female R&B Vocal Performance and John Mayer won Pop Vocal Album for *Continuum*.



## BUBLÉ WINS BIG

Michael Bublé made a big splash at the Canadian Juno Awards show. He won Single of the Year, Pop Album of the Year, Artist of the Year and Album of the Year. Nickelback claimed Group of the Year and Rock Album of the Year.



## HICKS IS NEW IDOL

Birmingham, Ala., native Taylor Hicks became the fifth American Idol, beating out Katharine McPhee of Los Angeles, after more than 63 million votes were tallied. This edition of *Idol* was the most-watched yet, with an average weekly audience of 30.3 million.



## SHAKIRA SIZZLES

Colombian singer/songwriter Shakira had a big night at the 7th annual Latin Grammy Awards. She won Album of the

Year, Song of the Year, Record of the Year and Best Female Pop Vocal Album.

## WEDDING CHARMERS

The MTV Movie Awards awarded *Wedding Crashers* with Best Movie for 2006. Christian Bale won Best Hero for *Batman Begins* and Jake Gyllenhaal won Best Performance for *Brokeback Mountain*.



## THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

For the 33rd annual People's Choice Awards, the public made the call on the nation's favorite movies, music, TV shows and performers. Dr. "McDreamy" a.k.a. Patrick Dempsey won Favorite Male TV Star for his role on *Grey's Anatomy* and Favorite TV Drama also went to *Grey's Anatomy*. Jennifer Aniston was voted Favorite Female Movie Star and country group Rascal Flatts took home awards for Favorite Remake and Favorite Song from a Movie, both for "Life is a Highway" from the movie *Cars*.







### BROWN IS BEST

Chris Brown was honored with the award of Best New Artist as well as Viewers' Choice at the 6th annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Chaka Khan and Harry Belafonte was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award.



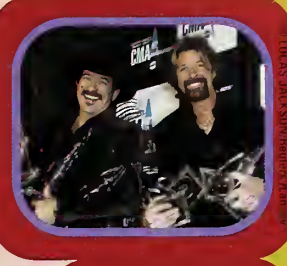
### BIG IN 06

VH-1.com users voted to determine winners for the VH-1 Big in 06 Awards show. Justin Timberlake won Big Music Artist and Stephen Colbert of Comedy Central's *The Colbert Report* won Big Breakthrough. American Idol made its mark this year as well—Katharine McPhee won Big It Girl.



### COUNTRY CROONERS

Brooks & Dunn dominated at the 40th Country Music Awards show. In addition to winning Vocal Duo of the Year, the pair won Single of the Year, Music Video of the Year and Song of the Year for "Believe." Brad Paisley won Album of the Year and Musical Event of the Year for his duet with Dolly Parton.



### TV LAUGHS WIN

Comedy was a big winner at the 58th annual primetime Emmy Awards. Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* won Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Series and NBC's *The Office* captured the Outstanding Comedy Series title. FOX's *24* was a winner for Outstanding Drama Series.



### GOLDEN DREAMS

The 64th Golden Globes was a big night for *Dreamgirls* and *Babel*. *Dreamgirls* won Best Musical or Comedy, and former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson won Best Supporting Actress. *Babel* won Best Drama and Meryl Streep won Best Actress for her role in *The Devil Wears Prada*.



### VMA HONORS

British singer James Blunt won Best Male Video for "You're Beautiful" at the MTV Video Music Awards. Beyoncé, Gnarl Barkley, Pink and Fall Out Boy also took home awards.



### TEENS CHOOSE

Teens called the shots at the Teen Choice Awards. Fall Out Boy won Choice Music: Rock Group and Choice Music: Single for "Dance, Dance." *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *She's the Man* and *Red Eye* were all winners in the Choice Movie categories for Action Adventure, Drama, Comedy and Thriller. Adam Sandler captured the popularity vote for a Choice Comedian win.



### TOP TUNES & FLICKS ■ TOP TUNES & FLICKS ■ TOP



According to Billboard ratings, the top songs of 2006 were *Bad Day* by Daniel Powter (1), *Temperature* by Sean Paul (2), *Promiscuous* by Nelly Furtado featuring Timbaland (3), *You're Beautiful* by James Blunt (4), *Hips Don't Lie* by Shakira featuring Wyclef Jean (5), *Unwritten* by Natasha Bedingfield (6), *Crazy* by Gnarl Barkley (7), *Ridin'* by Chamillionaire featuring Krayzie Bone (8), *Sexyback* by Justin Timberlake (9) and *Check On It* by Beyoncé featuring Slim Thug (10).

1. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
2. Cars
3. X-Men: The Last Stand
4. The Da Vinci Code
5. Superman Returns
6. Ice Age: The Meltdown
7. Happy Feet
8. Over the Hedge
9. Casino Royale
10. Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby





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### AL GORE TELLS US THE INCONVENIENT TRUTH

Former Vice President Al Gore and director Davis Guggenheim were behind the Sundance Film Festival hit, *An Inconvenient Truth*. The documentary forced viewers to face the facts about global warming and the danger it poses to our quality of life on this planet.

### COURIC SAYS GOODBYE TO TODAY

After 15 years of hosting NBC's *Today* show, Katie Couric left to become the first solo female anchor of a major U.S. network evening newscast. Couric replaced Bob Schieffer, who assumed the anchor chair on a temporary basis, after Dan Rather had stepped down from the *CBS Evening News*.



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### JOLIE-PITT FAMILY ADDS ONE

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt launched headlines with the birth of their daughter, Shiloh, who became the fifth member of their family. Jolie and Pitt already share custody of son Maddox and daughter Zahara. The Jolie-Pitts barely slowed down for Shiloh's birth as they continued their global humanitarian efforts in Namibia, India and Cambodia.

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### BOX OFFICE BUSTERS

Although movie ticket sales were reportedly declining, Americans still love their movies and the record-breaking movie openings proved it. *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* broke the record for top-grossing opening weekend and top

opening day. The movie took in \$135.6

million during its opening weekend and \$55.5 million in the first day alone. *X-Men: The Last Stand* made an impression at the box office as well. The sequel scored a record-breaking holiday opening with \$120.1 million.



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### TOMKAT MILESTONES

It was a big year for the intriguing pair: Tom Cruise, 44, and Katie Holmes, 27, celebrated the birth of their daughter Suri in October. The couple also wed in a luxurious ceremony held in Bracciano, Italy's Odescalchi Caste. Tom and Katie shared their vows in front of 150 guests including Jennifer Lopez, Will Smith, Jim Carrey and Brooke Shields.



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### HARRY POTTER ENDING?

J.K. Rowling, the British author of the beloved Harry Potter series, revealed the title of the seventh—and reputedly final book in the series. Rowling announced *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* would be available for purchase July 21, 2007.

# TALK OF THE YEAR

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### APPLE EXPANDS OFFERINGS

Apple took its business to the next level and got seriously competitive with new offerings. Thanks to its Intel Corp. chips, Windows-lovers can run their Mac on the standard Mac operating system or they can load Microsoft Windows onto a Mac computer. Apple also partnered with Nike to create the Nike+iPod Sport Kit; the kit allows the iPod Nano to report workout data based on information gathered from a sensor that is placed in running shoes. Finally, Apple introduced the iPhone, which is planned to redefine the cell phone industry. Apple partnered with America's largest wireless phone company (Cingular), the world's largest email service (Yahoo) and the world's dominant search company (Google) to offer services for its iPhone.

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### OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

As Ford retired its legendary Taurus in 2006, new bestselling vehicles filled its void. The Taurus earned its rank as the second highest selling car in U.S. history (second only to the original Model T Ford). Yet, Toyota now reigns supreme in the U.S. with its Motor Trend Car of the Year, the 2007 Camry. Toyota also offers a hybrid version of the 2007 Camry to satisfy the recent consumer demand for hybrid vehicles. U.S. hybrid car sales are projected to rise to 1 million cars sold annually by 2010.



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## GOOGLE GAINS YOUTUBE

Google Inc. purchased YouTube, the video-sharing website, for \$1.65 billion. The all-stock deal was Google's most expensive purchase ever. Shortly after Google purchased it, YouTube was honored as *Time* magazine's "Invention of the Year" for 2006.



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## FADS ■ FASHION FADS ■ FASHION FADS



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## OPRAH OPENS SCHOOL OF DREAMS

Oprah Winfrey rejoiced in the opening of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in Henly-on-Klip, Africa. The school took five years and \$40 million Oprah bucks to build, but the dream is finally reality. Oprah personally interviewed the 500 finalists for the school's prestigious 152 vacancies. Oprah will teach two leadership classes via satellite and plans to spend her retirement years living on the school grounds. She has called the school her "fulfillment of my work on earth."

## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ROCKS AUDIENCES

It was not just a movie—it was a complete sensation. *High School Musical* became a runaway hit for The Disney Channel. The movie set a network record for the number of viewers that tuned in for its premiere and was the month's top-rated non-sports cable broadcast. The movie's raging popularity sparked the creation of a top-selling soundtrack; a record-breaking single, "Breaking Free"; frenzied DVD sales; a movie sequel; and a 40-city High School Musical tour.



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## FACEBOOK FACE-OFF

Mark Zuckerberg, the 22-year-old founder of the Internet's second largest social-networking site, could become the next Silicon Valley mega mogul. Facebook Inc. is expected to generate revenues of more than \$100 million this year. These positive future projections may explain Zuckerberg's recent rejection of several takeover bids, including a \$1 billion offer from Yahoo Inc.

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## POSH & BECKS MOVE STATESIDE

British "royalty" is coming to America! Soccer superstar David Beckham and Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham announced that they will move to the States for David's soccer career. David Beckham signed a contract with the L.A. Galaxy soccer team to earn a reported \$250 million over the next five years. That's a lot of greenbacks—it is the highest salary any player has earned in history.

## NINTENDO THRILLS GAMERS WITH WII

Nintendo's newest gaming system, the Wii (pronounced 'we'), became available to eager crowds on November 19. The Wii sets itself apart from the Xbox 360 and Sony PlayStation 3 with its motion-sensitive remote, which allows players to swing a baseball bat or slice a sword by moving the remote appropriately. Nintendo hailed the Wii as a sales success and reported that it sold more than 600,000 consoles in the first eight days in the North American market.



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## BELOVED CROCODILE HUNTER WILL BE MISSED

He became famous for handling some of the world's most dangerous creatures—crocodiles, snakes, and spiders. Steve Irwin, an Australian naturalist and television personality, died unexpectedly when he was struck in the chest by a stingray's barb while filming a documentary in the Great Barrier Reef.



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## FINAL ENDING

After four seasons, *The O.C.* took a final bow on February 22. The series was noted for being a pop-culture phenomenon and it launched several rock acts through its soundtrack albums, such as Death Cab for Cutie and Phantom Planet.



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## ACROSS

1. This amazing Iditarod champion is only 21 years old—and legally blind.
5. This organization is reviewing its psychological screening process.
8. The Inconvenient Truth.
9. First solo female anchor of a network evening newscast.
13. Fiery, democratic Speaker of the House.
14. Sacha Baron Cohen's character.
15. Lawmakers banned these in New York City.

## DOWN

2. Bee venom, an ancient folk treatment, is used in traditional medicine here.
3. This large sea mammal recently swam as far as Rhode Island.
4. A courageous racehorse that captured the hearts of Americans.
6. The Hubble Space Telescope has been in space for \_\_\_\_ years.
7. The scientific definition of your groggy, morning state.
10. TV Nickname of the People's Choice Favorite Male TV Star.
11. Gardening shoes that became a fashion trend.
12. The name of a long-lasting Martian rover.

Answers: Across: 1. Reckless, 2. China, 3. manatee, 4. NASA, 5. Al Gore, 6. Al Gore, 7. Sleep Inertia, 8. Corbis, 9. Katie Couric, 10. Bored, 11. Spirit, 12. Crocs, 13. Speaker, 14. Bored, 15. Transats

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